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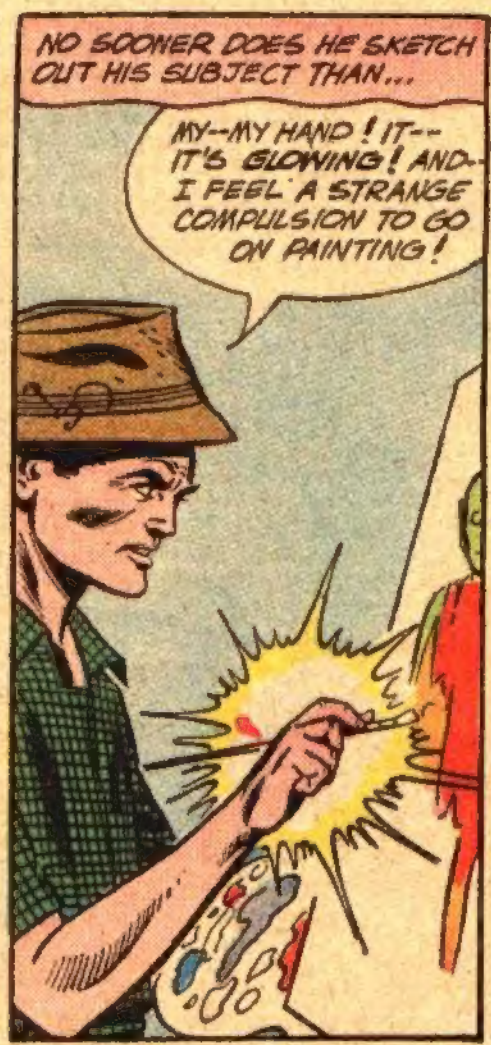
ARTIST DAVE CAREW BEGINS AN OIL PAINTING ON THE BEACH BEFORE HIS SEASIDE BUNGALOW..
A PERFECT DAY FOR PAINTING! I JUST HOPE I CAN GET THIS SCENE DOWN ON CANVAS!


NO SOONER DOES HE SKETCH OUT HIS SUBJECT THAN...
MY--MY HAND! IT--IT'S GLOWING! AND I FEEL A STRANGE COMPULSION TO GO ON PAINTING!

AS THOUGH HIS SKILLED FINGERS ARE NO LONGER A PART OF HIM, HE WATCHES IN AWE AS THEY PAINT SWIFTLY, WITH BOLD BRUSH MARKS...
MY HAND IS PAINTING THE BODY OF--SOME ALIEN BEING!
NOT YOUR HAND--BUT MINE! I SIMPLY TOOK CONTROL OVER YOUR HAND, MAN OF THIS WORLD!

AS THE TELEPATHIC VOICE CONTINUES TO SPEAK...
THERE--IT IS FINISHED! THE BEING THAT IS THREATENING MY WORLD!
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT? M-MAYBE I JUST BETTER GET AWAY FROM HERE!

WAIT, PLEASE! THOUGH YOU CAN'T SEE ME--I'M REAL! ALIVE! BUT--IN DESPERATE TROUBLE! IN ONE TANG* I'LL BE DEAD--UNLESS YOU LET MY VITAL LIFE-FORCE ENTER YOUR BODY!
*Editor's Note: A UNIT OF TIME ON ANOTHER WORLD!

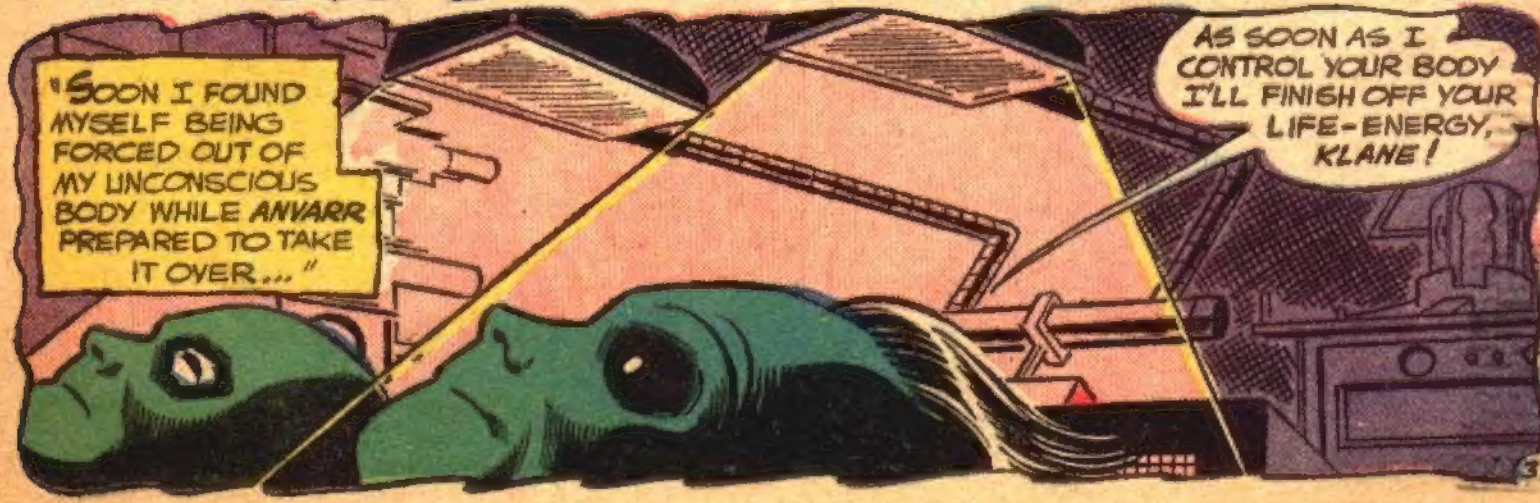
STUNG BY THE DESPAIRING APPEAL, DAVE TURNS BACK, AND AS HE DOES, FAINTLY HE CAN MAKE OUT A SHIMMERING OUTLINE...
MY NAME IS KLANE! IN THE DIMENSIONAL WORLD OF KHANOZOR WHERE I "USED TO" LIVE I WAS AN ACKNOWLEDGED SCIENTIFIC GENIUS...

"THOUGH I DIDN'T REALIZE IT, MY ASSISTANT ANVARR WAS PLANNING TREACHERY EVEN AS I CONFIDED IN HIM..."
LOOK, ANVARR! THE SPRELTINOMETER I INVENTED IS OPENING A PATHWAY BETWEEN OUR WORLD AND ITS NEIGHBOR IN THE DIMENSIONAL CONTINUUM!

IF ONLY I HAD KLANE'S MIND, INSIDE ONE TANG--WITH THE HELP OF THOSE MARVELOUS MACHINES HE'S INVENTED--I COULD BECOME RULER OF ALL KHANOZOR!

"SUDDENLY, ANVARR DRIFTED TOWARD A TRANSMIGULATOR, ONE OF MY DISCOVERIES WHICH PERMITTED ABSOLUTELY PAINLESS SURGERY..."
KLANE BUILT THIS SO A PERSON'S LIFE-ENERGY COULD BE PUT OUTSIDE HIS BODY WHEN NECESSARY--BUT WHY DON'T I USE IT TO DISPLACE KLANE'S LIFE-FORCE, AND PUT MY OWN IN HIS BODY! THEN I WOULD HAVE HIS SCIENTIFIC GENIUS!

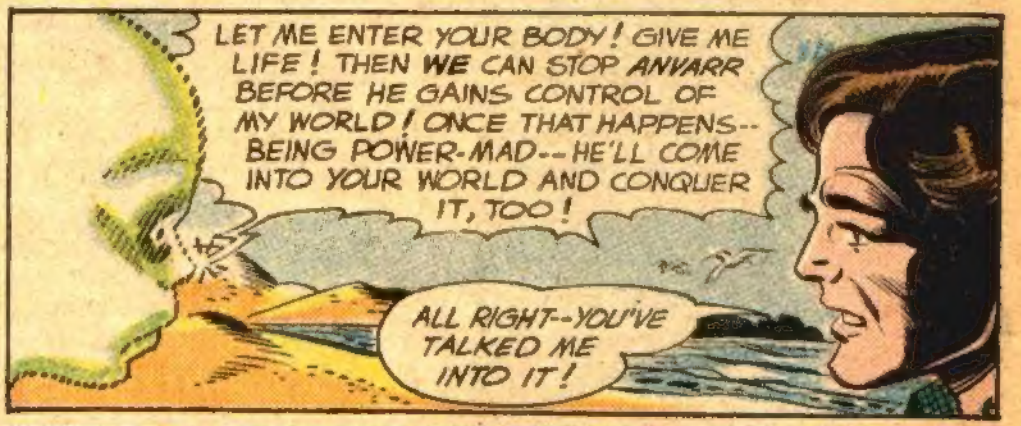
"IN THE LATE EVENING, AS I WORKED ON UNSUSPECTINGLY, ANVARR CAME UP BEHIND ME..."


"SOON I FOUND MYSELF BEING FORCED OUT OF MY UNCONSCIOUS BODY WHILE ANVARR PREPARED TO TAKE IT OVER..."
AS SOON AS I CONTROL YOUR BODY I'LL FINISH OFF YOUR LIFE-ENERGY, KLANE!

"WELL AWARE THAT ANVARR WOULD SEEK ME OUT AND DESTROY ME WITH THE HELP OF MY OWN INVENTIONS, I CAUSED MY LIFE-FORCE TO LEAP TOWARD THE DIMENSIONAL GATEWAY I HAD CREATED..."
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF WORLD I'M LEAPING INTO-- BUT ANYTHING IS BETTER THEN BEING DESTROYED BY ANVARR!

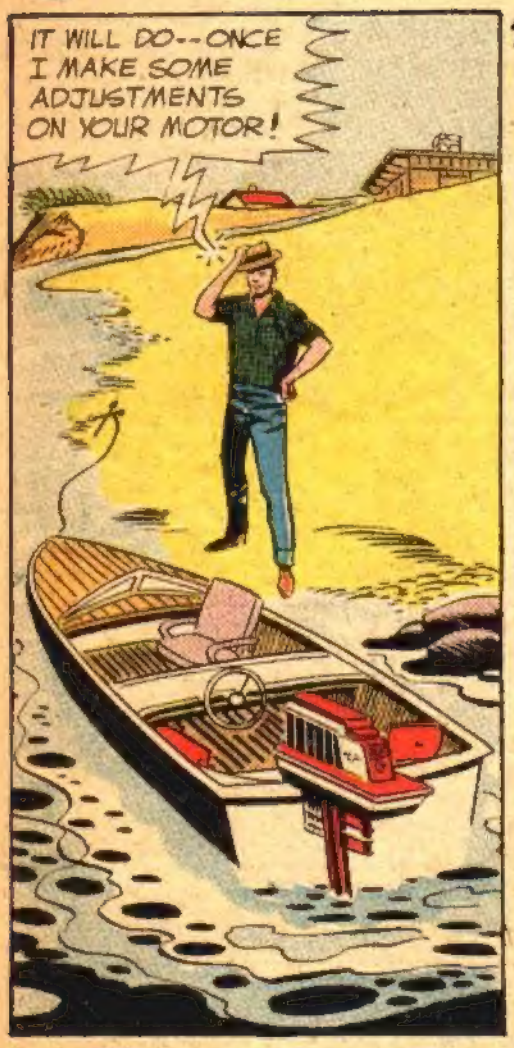
I LANDED CLOSE BESIDE YOU AND DECIDED YOU WERE MY ONLY HOPE! EVEN AS I "SPEAK" HOWEVER, THE DIMENSIONAL HOLE IN THE SKY IS GETTING SMALLER BECAUSE THE MACHINE WHICH CREATED IT IS RUNNING OUT OF FUEL! SOON IT WILL DISAPPEAR ENTIRELY!

WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE HELPLESS TO STOP ANVARR! RIGHT NOW HE HAS STARTED THE MACHINES WHICH WILL LET HIM MENTALLY CONTROL EVERY PERSON IN KHANOZOR! THEY'LL BE HIS SLAVES! HE'LL RULE LIKE A DICTATOR!
BUT--BUT WHAT CAN I DO?


LET ME ENTER YOUR BODY! GIVE ME LIFE! THEN WE CAN STOP ANVARR BEFORE HE GAINS CONTROL OF MY WORLD! ONCE THAT HAPPENS-- BEING POWER-MAD--HE'LL COME INTO YOUR WORLD AND CONQUER IT, TOO!
ALL RIGHT--YOU'VE TALKED ME INTO IT!

JUST REMAIN MOTIONLESS! THAT'S FINE! NOW I'LL SLIP MY VITAL LIFE-FORCE INTO YOUR BODY AND MERGE WITH IT!
YOU SAID THE HOLE IS GETTING SMALLER! HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE?

DAVE CAREW FEELS A MILD TINGLE AS HE MERGES WITH THE ALIEN BEING, THEN...
LESS THAN ONE TANG--BUT HOW LONG IS THAT ON THIS WORLD, I DON'T KNOW! MEANTIME, THE ROTATION OF YOUR PLANET IS CAUSING THE DIMENSIONAL HOLE TO MOVE! HAVE YOU A VEHICLE NEARBY?
ONLY MY BOAT!


IT WILL DO--ONCE I MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS ON YOUR MOTOR!

THAT PART OF HIM WHICH IS DAVE CAREW WATCHES WHILE THE PART THAT IS THE GENIUS KLANE RESHAPES HIS OUTBOARD MOTOR...
I'VE REVERSED THE INDUCTORS AND CHANGED THE WIRING SO THAT WE HAVE A CRUDE SORT OF COSMI-LEVER ENGINE! IT WILL GET US WHERE WE WANT TO GO!

MOMENTS LATER, THE ARTIST STARTS HIS RE-ASSEMBLED OUTBOARD AND SLIPS EASILY THROUGH THE WATERS...
NOW, FRIEND DAVE, IF WE ONLY HAD SOME SORT OF OBJECT TO PULL ANVARR OUT OF KHANOZOR!
WELL, I HAVE MY FISHING ROD AND TACKLE HERE IN THE BOAT!

FISHING ROD? WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S AN INSTRUMENT WE USE IN OUR WORLD TO CATCH WATER-LIVING CREATURES FOR SPORT...AND FOOD! WHY NOT USE IT TO CATCH ANVARR?

SUDDENLY THE BOAT PICKS UP SPEED AND...
HEY, WE'RE RISING INTO THE AIR!
YES, THE LEVITATING POWERS OF THE COSMILEVER ARE TAKING OVER! WE'LL BE OVER THE HOLE SOON, DAVE! YOUR FISHING ROD WILL DO NICELY!

ALL THIS HOOK NEEDS IS A MINOR CHANGE TO MAKE IT DO WHAT I WANT!

SOON THE BOAT IS OVER THE HOLE IN THE SKY, AND DAVE-KLANE RISES TO HIS FEET...

THE HOLE IS SMALLER--BUT NOT TOO SMALL TO GRAB ANVARR ONCE THE HOOK FINDS HIM! I'VE MADE MY CAST...

WITH TINGLING SUDDENNESS, THE POLE BENDS SHARPLY...

I RIGGED MY HOOK SO IT WOULD SEEK OUT MY MAGNETIC BELT-BUCKLE! AHH-- I'VE HOOKED INTO ANVARR!

FIGHTING FIERCELY, ANVARR OF KHANOZOR IS DRAGGED UPWARD FROM HIS DIMENSIONAL WORLD THROUGH THE HOLE IN THE SKY...

I MUST CAPTURE ANVARR-- TO SAVE BOTH OUR WORLDS, DAVE!

PLAY HIM CAREFULLY, KLANE! THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FISHING "CATCH" IN HISTORY!

DRAWN THOUGH THE "FISHING HOLE IN THE SKY," ANVARR STRUGGLES SAVAGELY, USING HIS BELT COSMILEVER TO BATTLE THE TUG OF THE FISHING LINE...

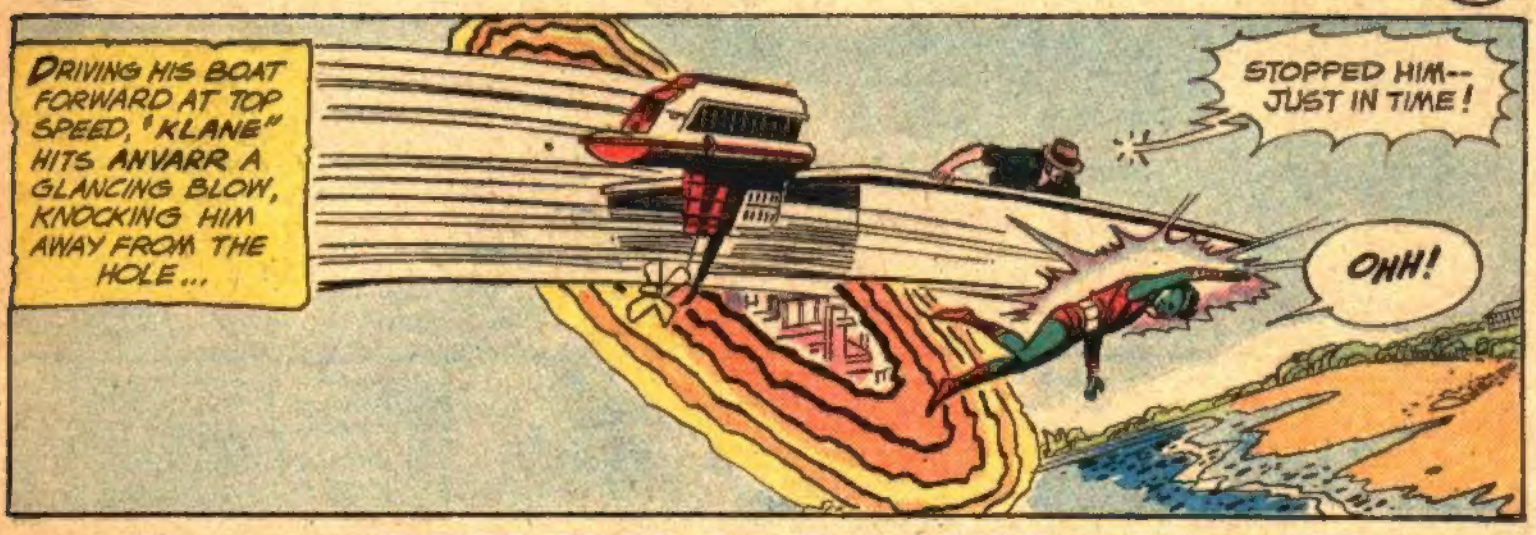
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER MY LINE CAN STAND THE FIERCE TUGGINGS OF THAT "FISH" KLANE!

IF IT SHOULD BREAK-- WE MUSTN'T LET HIM GET BACK INTO THE HOLE OR WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM AGAIN!

WITH A SNAP, THE LINE PARTS AND CRYING OUT TRIUMPHANTLY, THE DICTATOR OF KHANAZOR HURTLES TOWARD THE HOLE AND SAFETY...

HE--GOT AWAY!

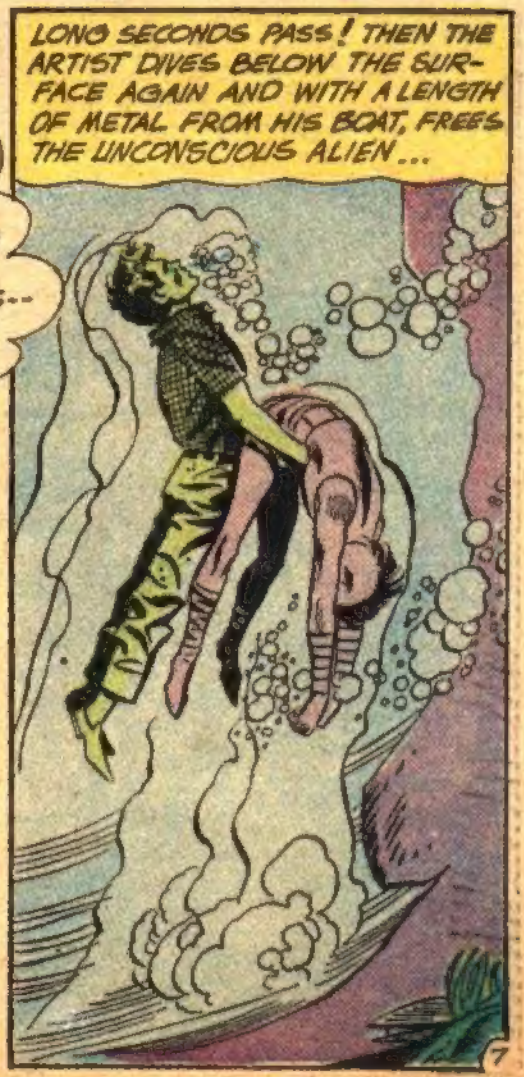
YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME AGAIN! I'LL SIMPLY DISCARD YOUR BELT BUCKLE, KLANE-- AND YOU'RE HELPLESS!


DRIVING HIS BOAT FORWARD AT TOP SPEED, "KLANE" HITS ANVARR A GLANCING BLOW, KNOCKING HIM AWAY FROM THE HOLE...
STOPPED HIM-- JUST IN TIME!
OHH!

AS THE DICTATOR PLUNGES DOWN-WARD TOWARD THE SEA, "KLANE" DIVES THE BOAT DOWN AFTER HIM...
LET ME TAKE OVER NOW, KLANE! I KNOW THESE WATERS--YOU DON'T! WHEN ANVARR GOES BELOW THE SURFACE I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND HIM!

DAVE HITS THE WATER SECONDS AFTER THE ALIEN FROM KHANOZOR, AND INSTANTLY FOLLOWS HIM INTO THE DEPTHS WHERE...
IF I CAN HERD HIM IN THE DIRECTION I WANT, AS A SHEEP DOG DOES SHEEP, I'LL HAVE HIM WHERE I WANT HIM!

MOMENTS LATER, A GIANT CLAM CLOSES ITS SHELL ON ANVARR WHO FIGHTS BITTERLY BUT HELPLESSLY...
I'VE TRAINED MYSELF TO HOLD MY BREATH A LONG TIME UNDER WATER! ANVARR HASN'T! HE'LL PASS OUT IN A FEW SECONDS-- THEN I'LL RETURN AND RESCUE HIM!


LONG SECONDS PASS! THEN THE ARTIST DIVES BELOW THE SUR-FACE AGAIN AND WITH A LENGTH OF METAL FROM HIS BOAT, FREES THE UNCONSCIOUS ALIEN...

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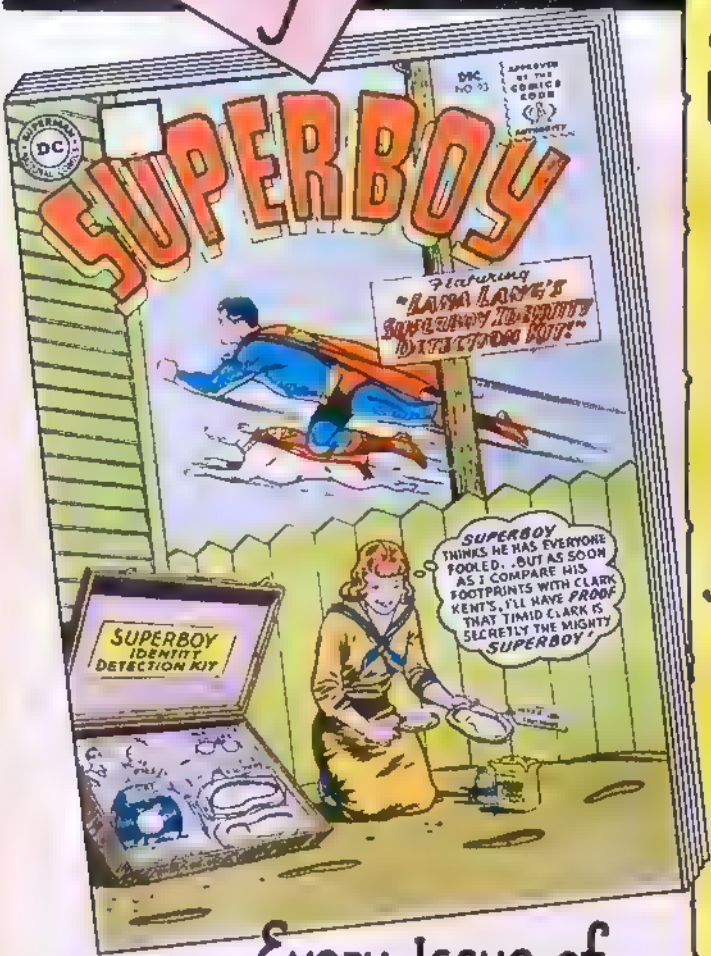

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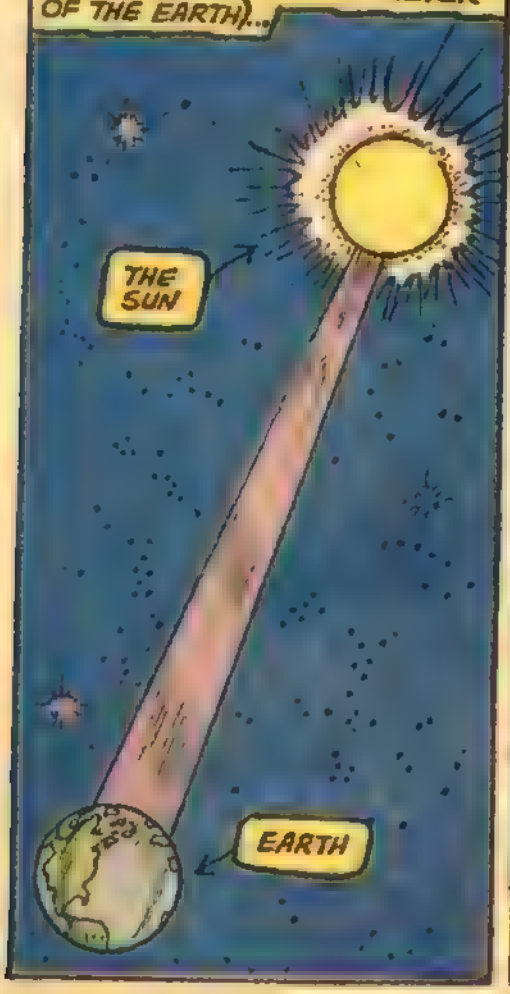
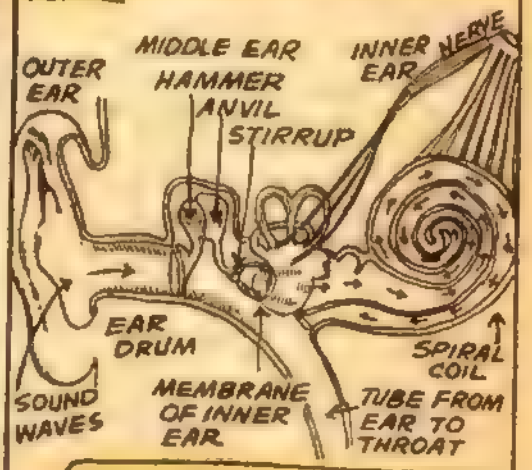


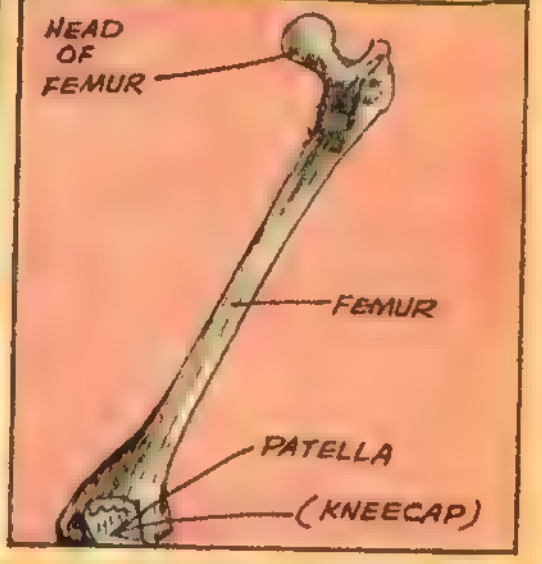
ACCORDING TO THE U.S. WEATHER BUREAU, SUCH TREES AS **OAKS ELMS** AND **MAPLES** CUT DOWN WIND-FLOW BY AS MUCH AS 40% DURING THE SUMMER WHEN THE TREES ARE FULL OF LEAVES...

SUGAR MAPLE TREE

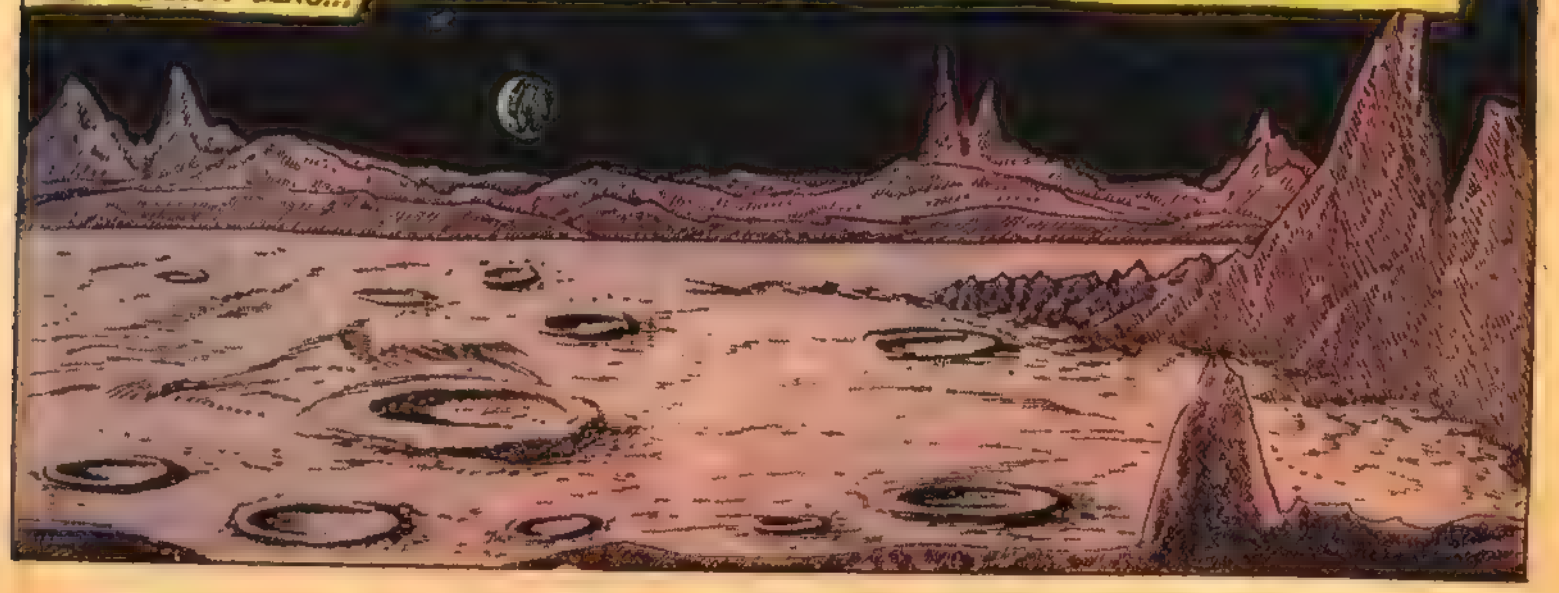
THE SMALLEST BONE IN THE HUMAN BODY IS THE **ANVIL BONE** (INCUS), ONE OF THE THREE AUDITORY BONES IN THE MIDDLE EAR; THE **THIGH-BONE** (FEMUR) IS THE LARGEST HUMAN BONE...



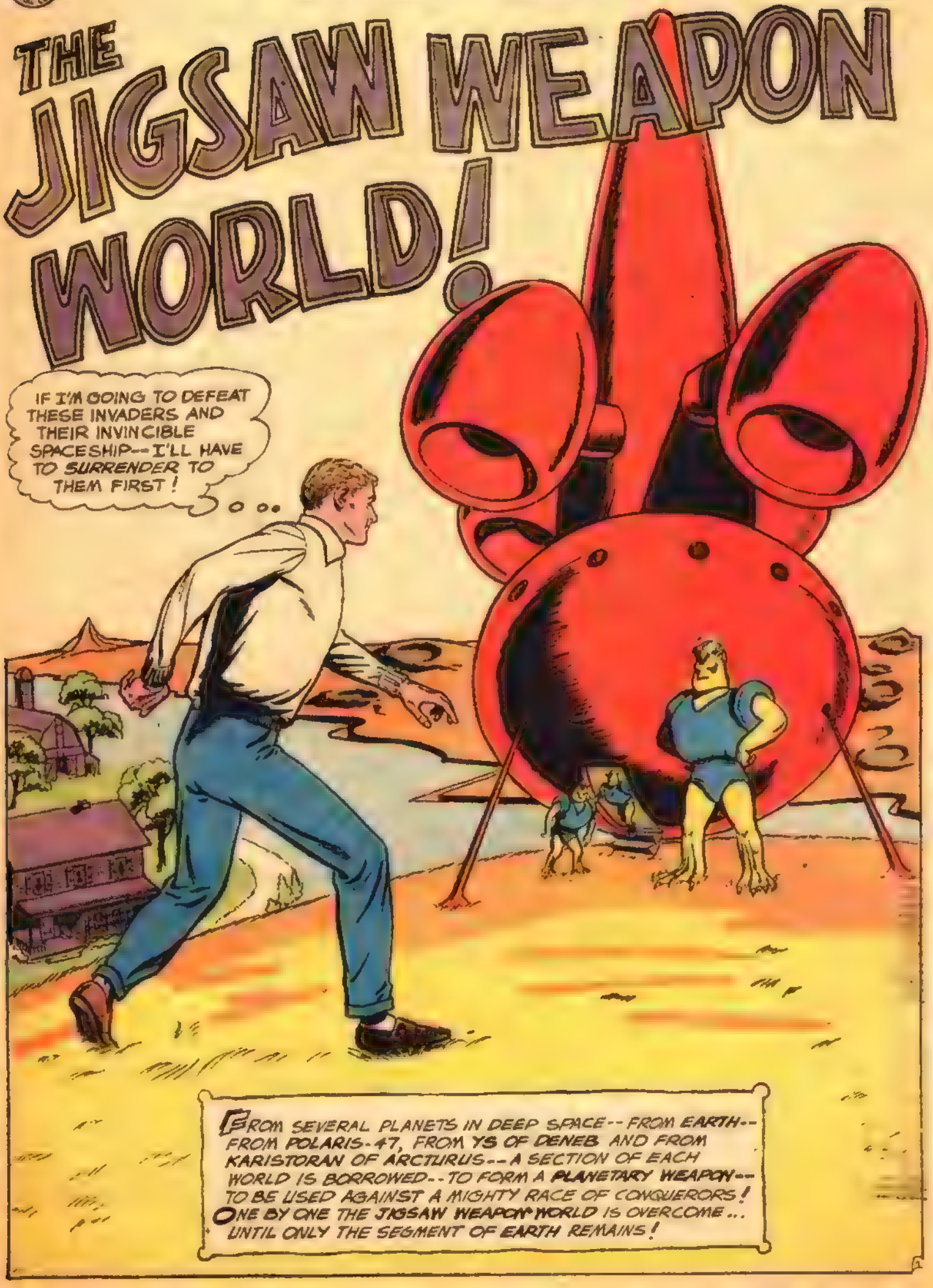
STRUCTURE OF HUMAN EAR

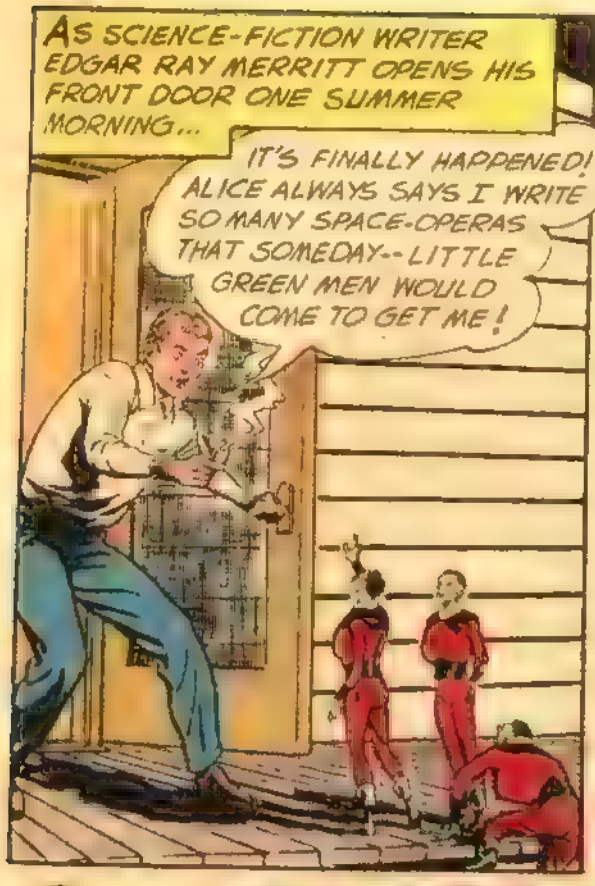


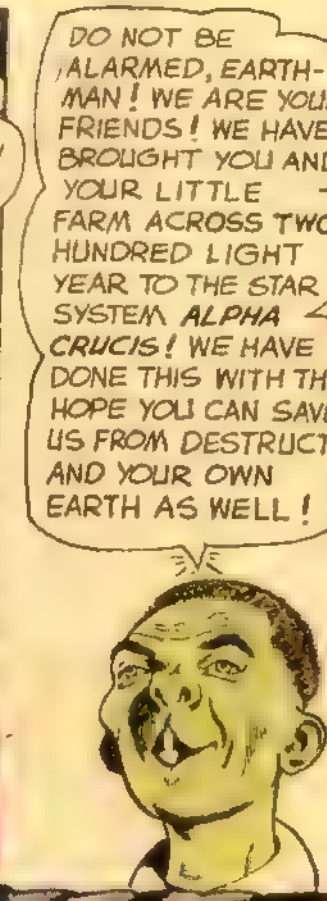
AT HIGH NOON ON THE MOON, THE TEMPERATURE SOARS TO 212°F; AT MIDNIGHT IT DROPS 378°--TO 166° F BELOW ZERO...

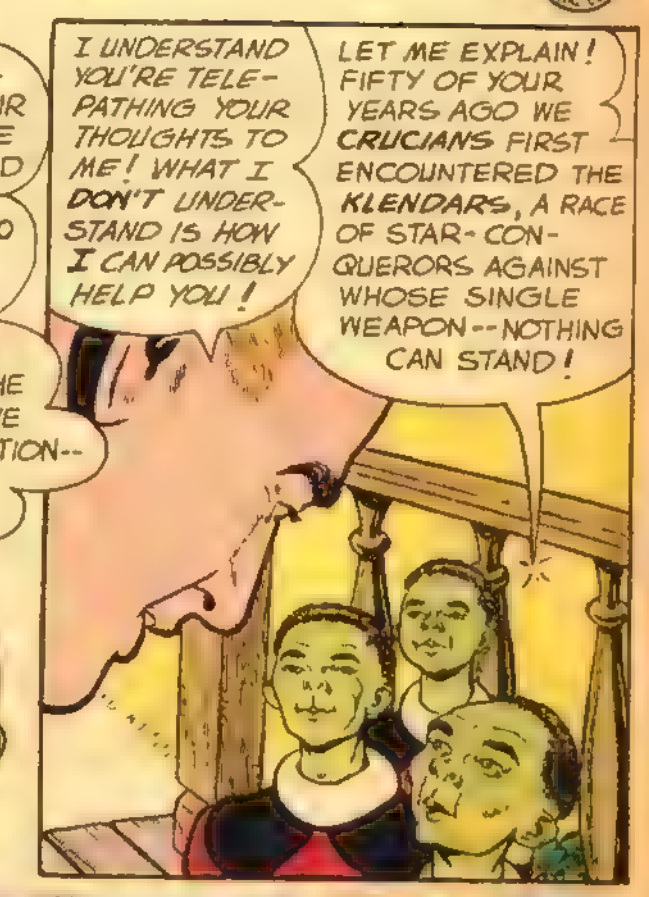


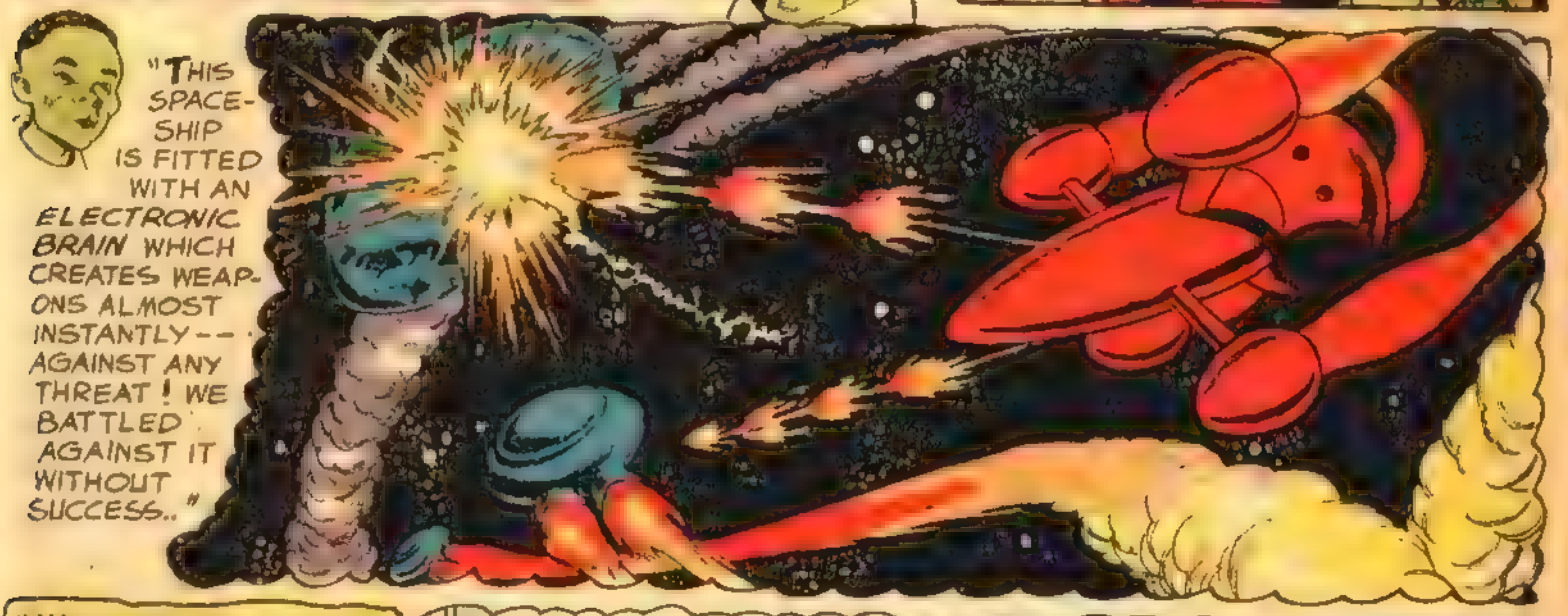
THE JIGSAW WEAPON WORLD!

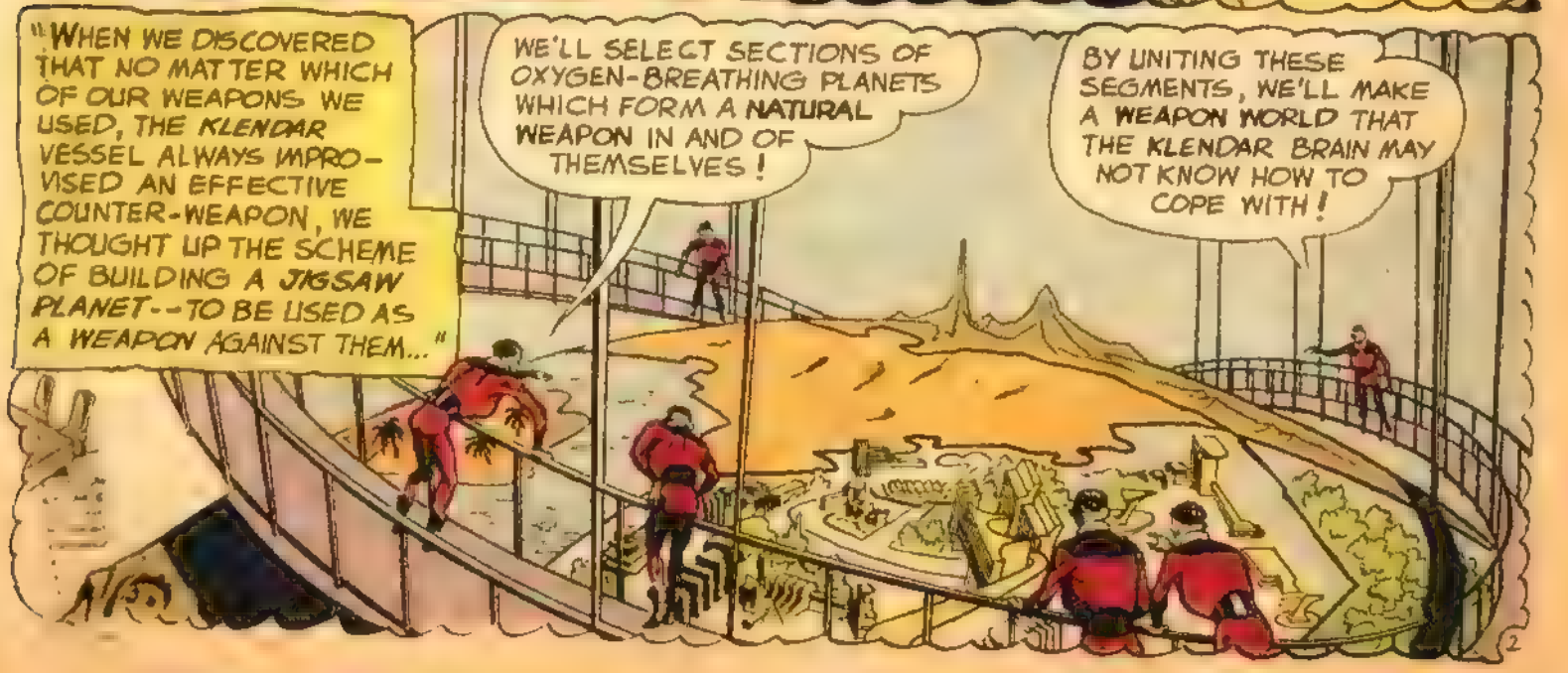


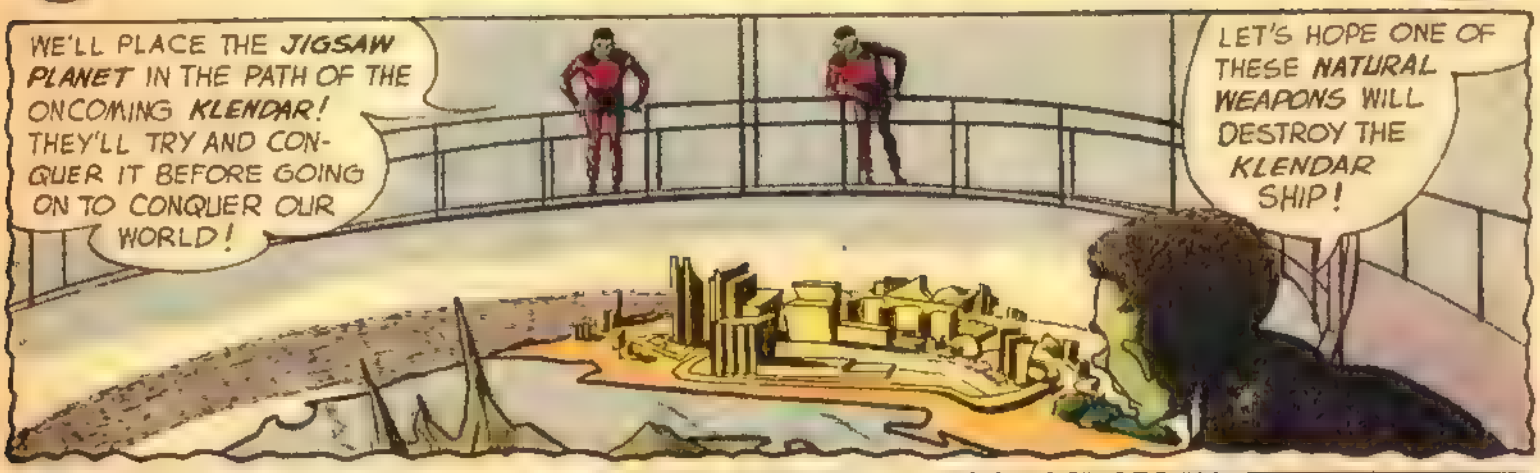

AS SCIENCE-FICTION WRITER EDGAR RAY MERRITT OPENS HIS FRONT DOOR ONE SUMMER MORNING...
IT'S FINALLY HAPPENED! ALICE ALWAYS SAYS I WRITE SO MANY SPACE-OPERAS THAT SOMEDAY--LITTLE GREEN MEN WOULD COME TO GET ME!

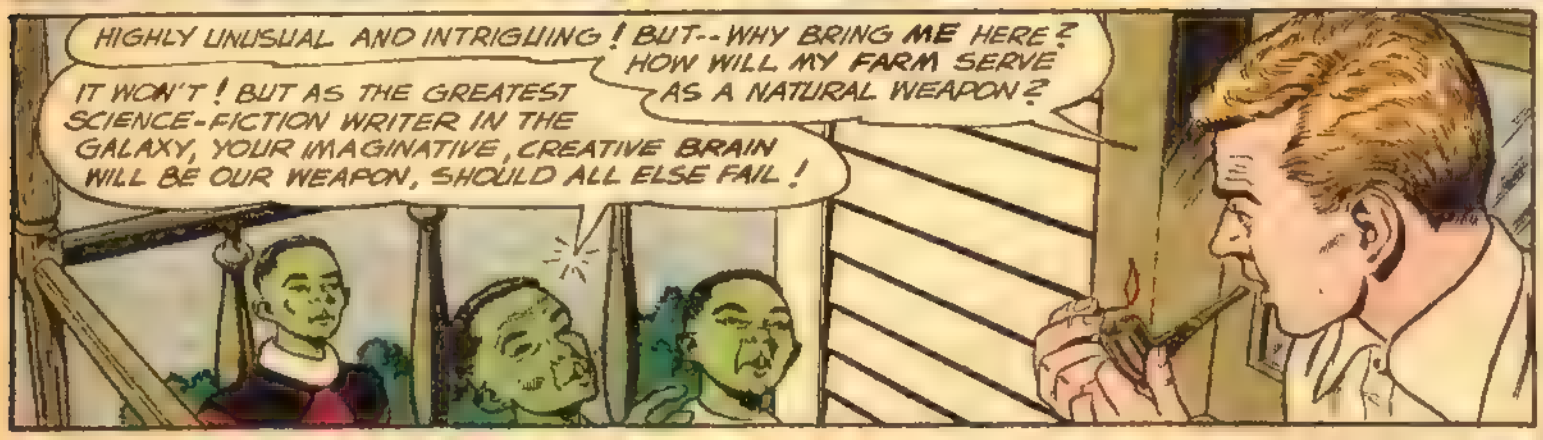

DO NOT BE ALARMED, EARTHMAN! WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS! WE HAVE BROUGHT YOU AND YOUR LITTLE FARM ACROSS TWO HUNDRED LIGHT YEAR TO THE STAR SYSTEM ALPHA CRUCIS! WE HAVE DONE THIS WITH THE HOPE YOU CAN SAVE US FROM DESTRUCTION--AND YOUR OWN EARTH AS WELL!

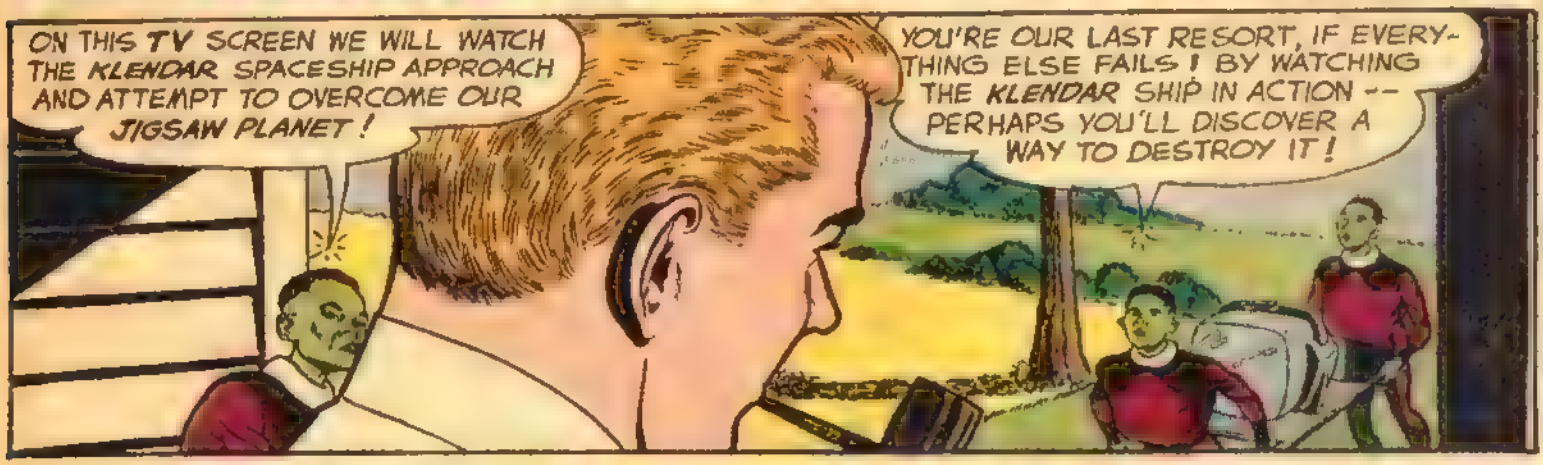

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE TELEPATHING YOUR THOUGHTS TO ME! WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS HOW I CAN POSSIBLY HELP YOU!
LET ME EXPLAIN! FIFTY OF YOUR YEARS AGO WE CRUCIANS FIRST ENCOUNTERED THE KLENDARS, A RACE OF STAR-CONQUERORS AGAINST WHOSE SINGLE WEAPON--NOTHING CAN STAND!

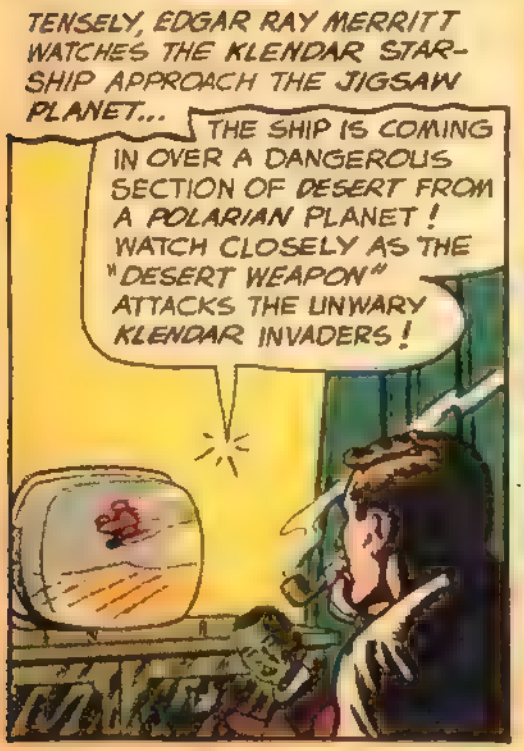

"THIS SPACE-SHIP IS FITTED WITH AN ELECTRONIC BRAIN WHICH CREATES WEAPONS ALMOST INSTANTLY--AGAINST ANY THREAT! WE BATTLED AGAINST IT WITHOUT SUCCESS.."

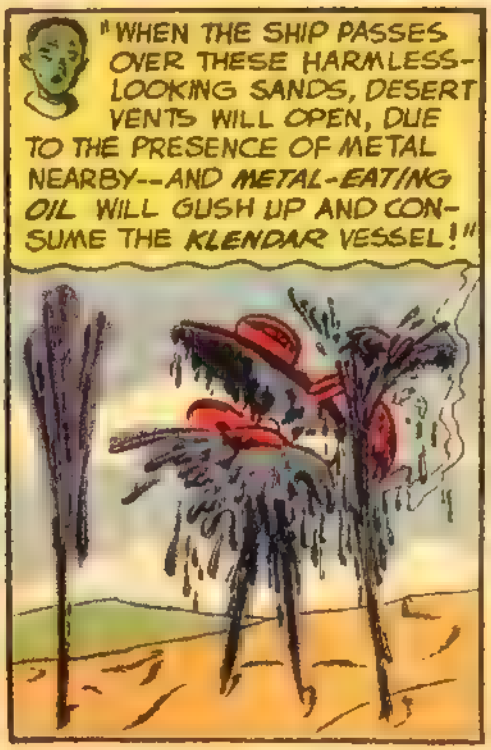

"WHEN WE DISCOVERED THAT NO MATTER WHICH OF OUR WEAPONS WE USED, THE KLENDAR VESSEL ALWAYS IMPROVISED AN EFFECTIVE COUNTER-WEAPON, WE THOUGHT UP THE SCHEME OF BUILDING A JIGSAW PLANET--TO BE USED AS A WEAPON AGAINST THEM..."
WE'LL SELECT SECTIONS OF OXYGEN-BREATHING PLANETS WHICH FORM A NATURAL WEAPON IN AND OF THEMSELVES!
BY UNITING THESE SEGMENTS, WE'LL MAKE A WEAPON WORLD THAT THE KLENDAR BRAIN MAY NOT KNOW HOW TO COPE WITH!

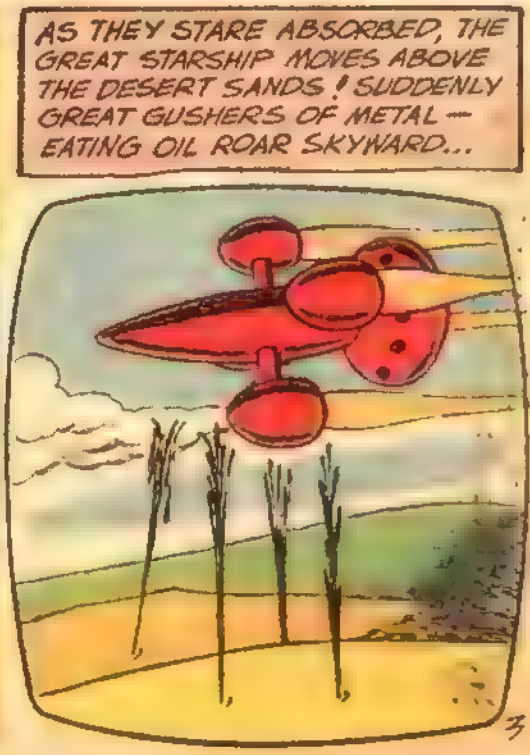

WE'LL PLACE THE JIGSAW PLANET IN THE PATH OF THE ONCOMING KLENDAR! THEY'LL TRY AND CONQUER IT BEFORE GOING ON TO CONQUER OUR WORLD!
LET'S HOPE ONE OF THESE NATURAL WEAPONS WILL DESTROY THE KLENDAR SHIP!


HIGHLY UNUSUAL AND INTRIGUING! BUT--WHY BRING ME HERE? HOW WILL MY FARM SERVE AS A NATURAL WEAPON?
IT WON'T! BUT AS THE GREATEST SCIENCE-FICTION WRITER IN THE GALAXY, YOUR IMAGINATIVE, CREATIVE BRAIN WILL BE OUR WEAPON, SHOULD ALL ELSE FAIL!


ON THIS TV SCREEN WE WILL WATCH THE KLENDAR SPACESHIP APPROACH AND ATTEMPT TO OVERCOME OUR JIGSAW PLANET!
YOU'RE OUR LAST RESORT, IF EVERYTHING ELSE FAILS! BY WATCHING THE KLENDAR SHIP IN ACTION -- PERHAPS YOU'LL DISCOVER A WAY TO DESTROY IT!

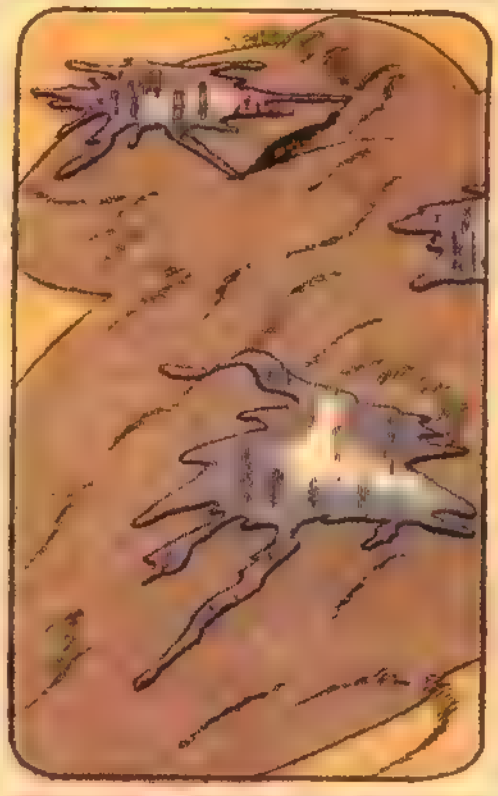

TENSELY, EDGAR RAY MERRITT WATCHES THE KLENDAR STARSHIP APPROACH THE JIGSAW PLANET...
THE SHIP IS COMING IN OVER A DANGEROUS SECTION OF DESERT FROM A POLARIAN PLANET! WATCH CLOSELY AS THE "DESERT WEAPON" ATTACKS THE UNWARY KLENDAR INVADERS!

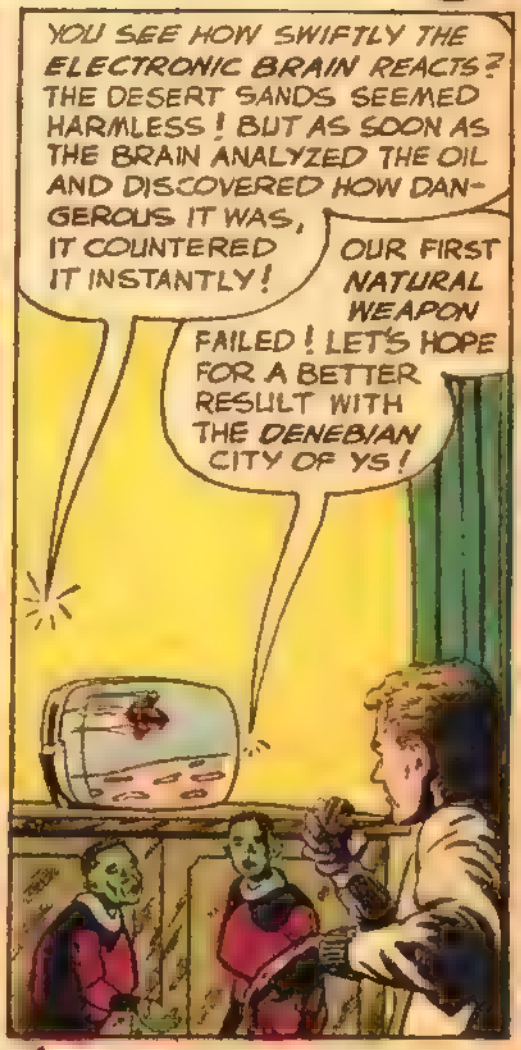

"WHEN THE SHIP PASSES OVER THESE HARMLESS-LOOKING SANDS, DESERT VENTS WILL OPEN, DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF METAL NEARBY--AND METAL-EATING OIL WILL GUSH UP AND CONSUME THE KLENDAR VESSEL!"


AS THEY STARE ABSORBED, THE GREAT STARSHIP MOVES ABOVE THE DESERT SANDS! SUDDENLY GREAT GUSHERS OF METAL-EATING OIL ROAR SKYWARD...

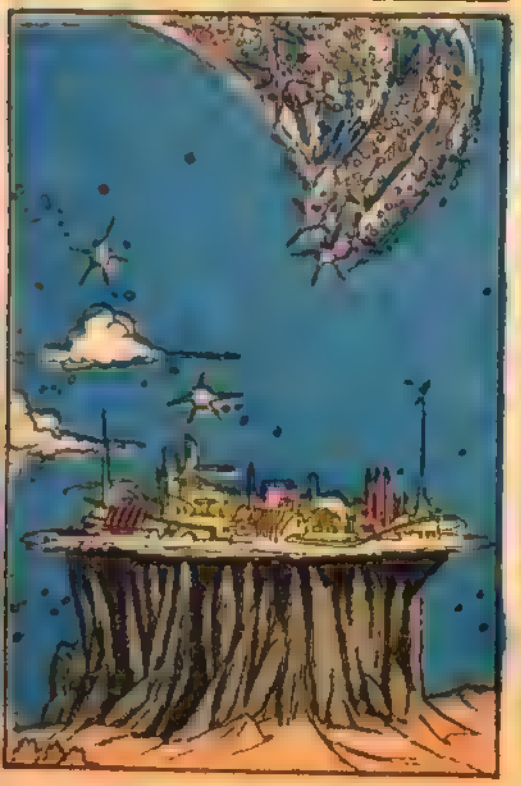
INSTANTLY THIN BEAMS OF ENERGY STAB DOWNWARD FROM THE SPACESHIP--MEETING THE DEADLY OIL GUSHERS AND DRIVING THEM BACK...

THEN WITH FLARES OF INCANDESCENT HEAT, THE ENERGY BEAMS CAP THE GUSHER OPENINGS WITH AN IMPENETRABLE ALLOY FUSED FROM THE MELTED DESERT SANDS...

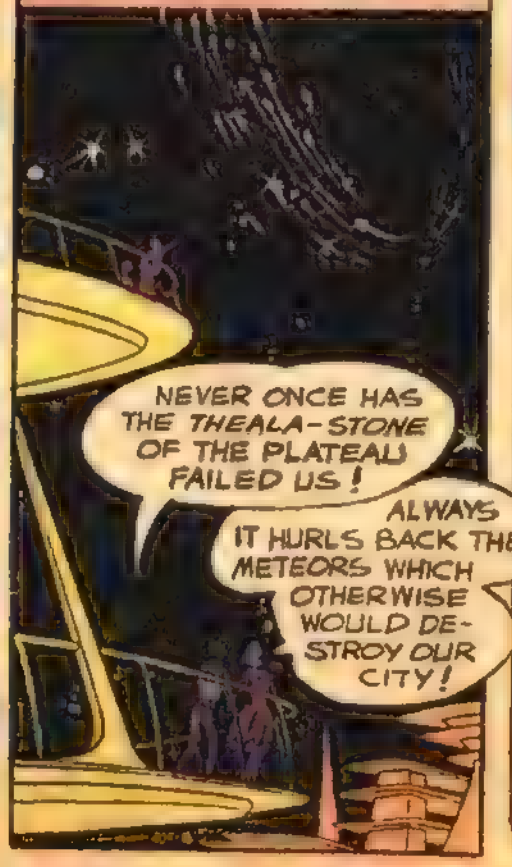




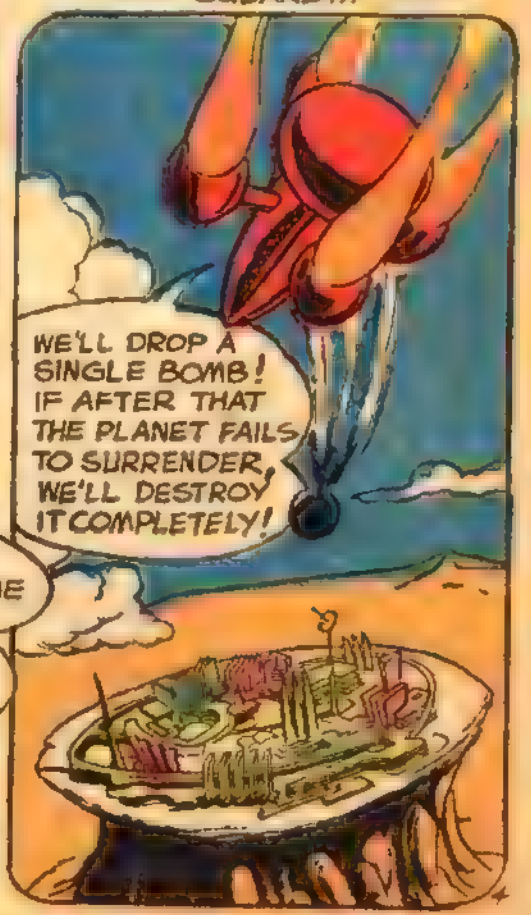
"SINCE THE PLANET YS ORBITS THROUGH A SECTION OF SPACE WHERE SHOWERS OF METEORS CONTINUALLY BOMBARD ITS SURFACE, THE CITY ITSELF WAS BUILT ON A PLATEAU OF UNUSUAL STONE..."



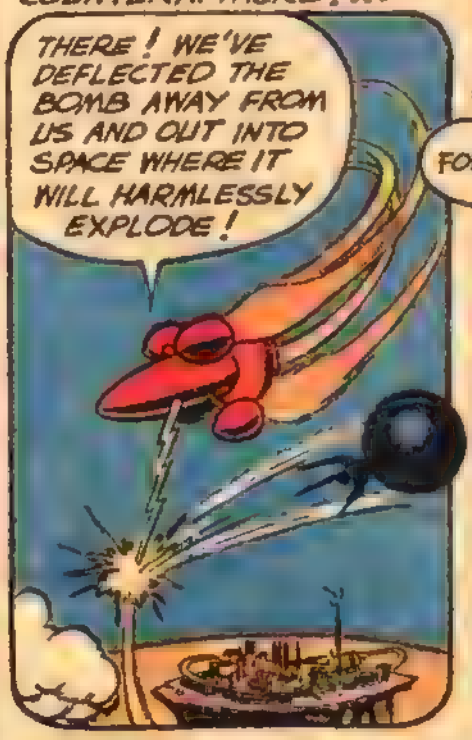
"THAT STRANGE STONE HAS THE POWER OF REPELLING THOSE METEORS, HURLING, THEM BACKWARD INTO SPACE IN THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH THEY FALL..."

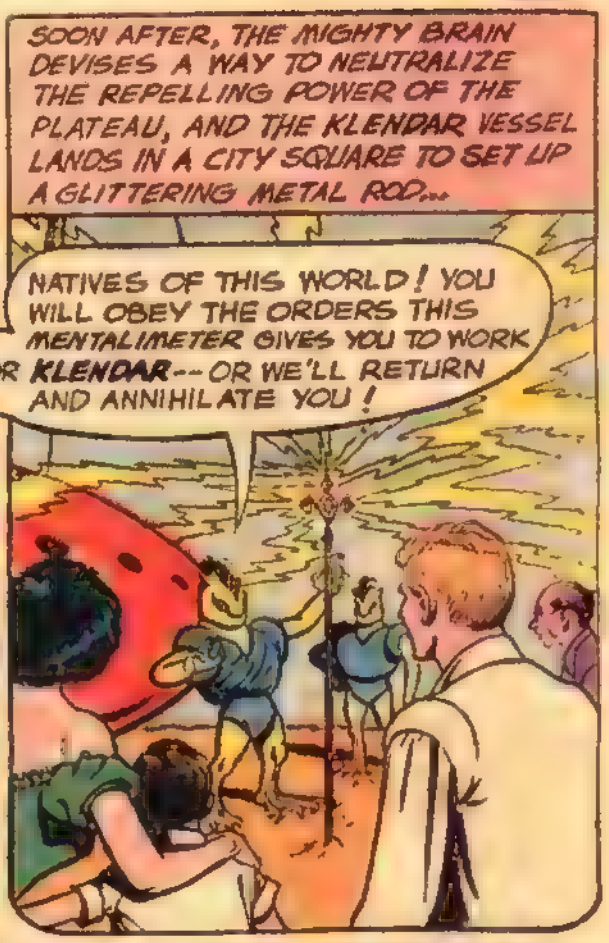


AS THE GREAT KLENDAR SHIP APPROACHES THE PLATEAU CITY, A BOMB IS RELEASED STRAIGHT FOR THE MAIN CITY SQUARE...

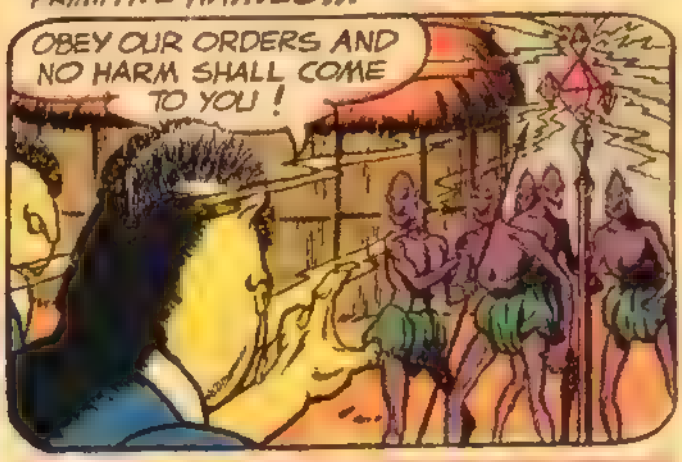


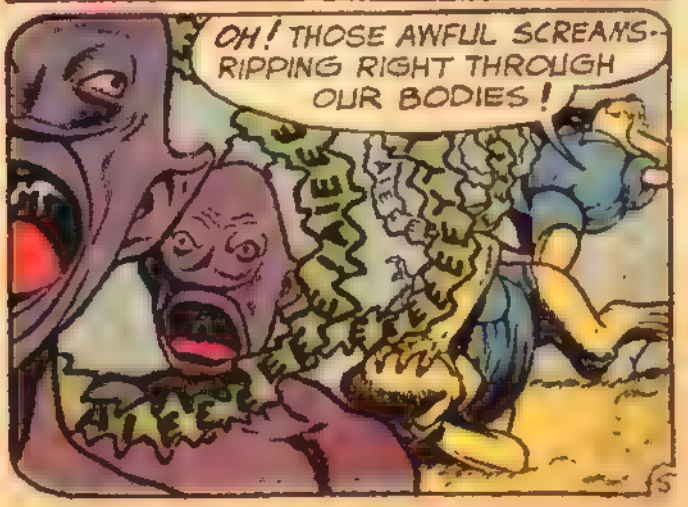
THE BOMB FALLS FASTER AND FASTER--BUT WHEN IT REACHES THE REPELLANT FORCE OF THE YSSIAN PLATEAU, IT IS HURLED UPWARD FROM WHENCE IT CAME...

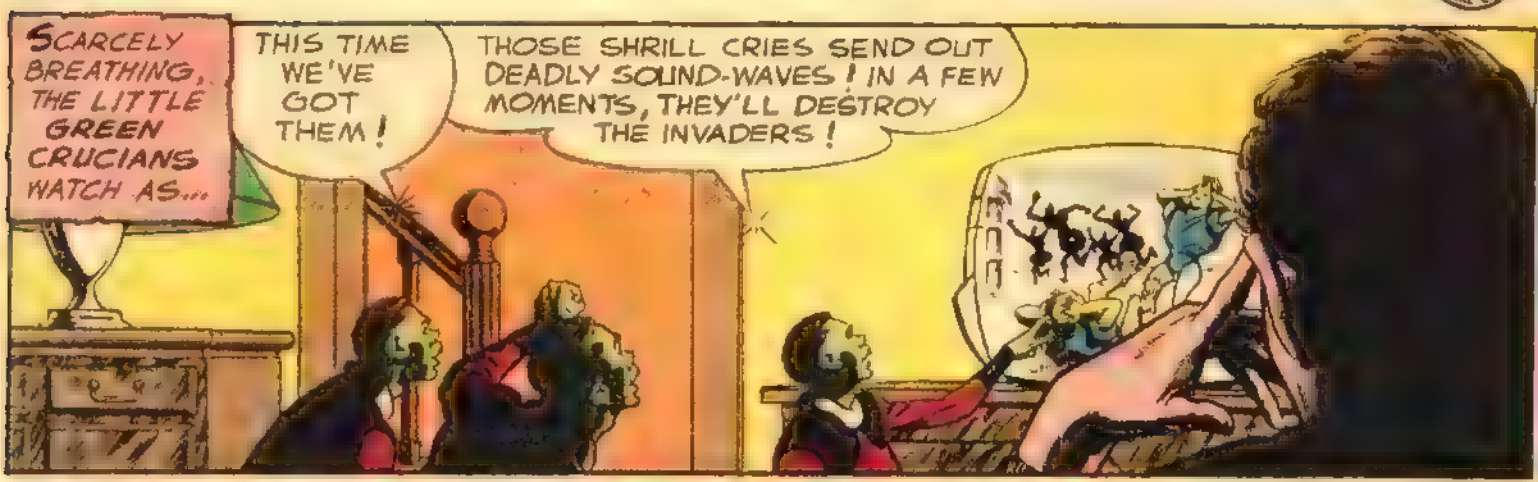

STRAIGHT FOR THE MIGHTY STARSHIP FLIES THE BOMB! THEN--MOMENTS BEFORE IT CAN MAKE CONTACT--THE ELECTRONIC BRAIN COUNTERATTACKS!...
THERE! WE'VE DEFLECTED THE BOMB AWAY FROM US AND OUT INTO SPACE WHERE IT WILL HARMLESSLY EXPLODE!

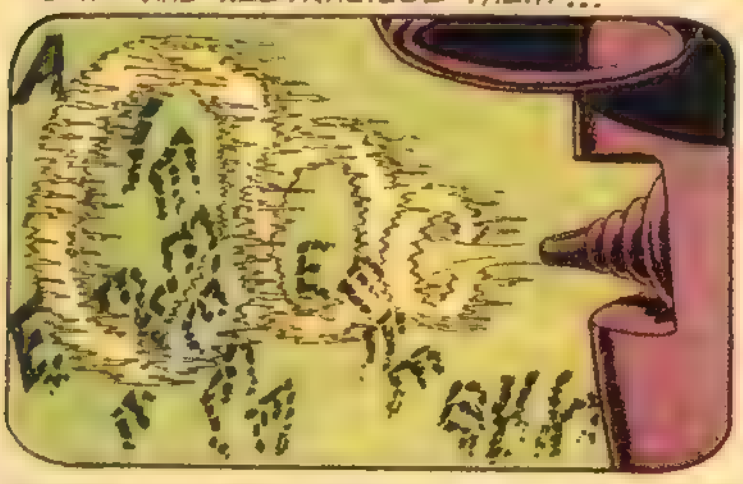

SOON AFTER, THE MIGHTY BRAIN DEVISES A WAY TO NEUTRALIZE THE REPELLING POWER OF THE PLATEAU, AND THE KLENDAR VESSEL LANDS IN A CITY SQUARE TO SET UP A GLITTERING METAL ROD...
NATIVES OF THIS WORLD! YOU WILL OBEY THE ORDERS THIS MENTALIMETER GIVES YOU TO WORK FOR KLENDAR--OR WE'LL RETURN AND ANNIHILATE YOU!

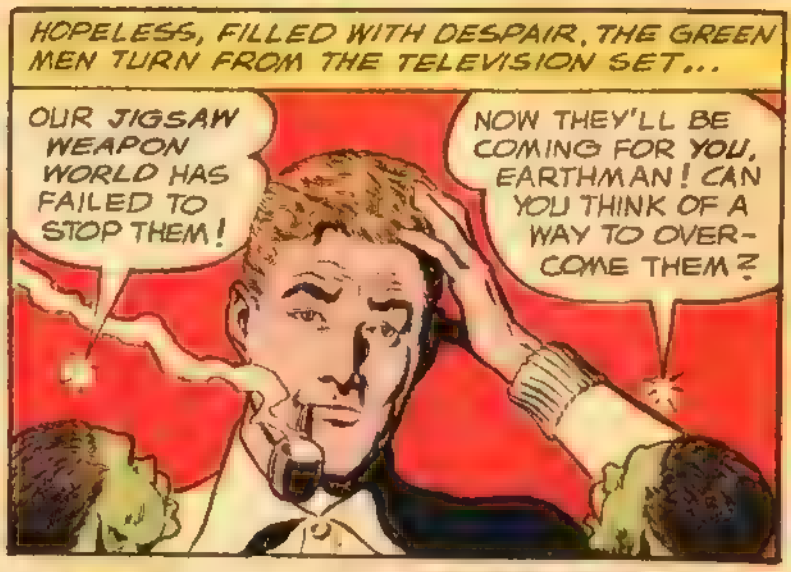
FROM THE DISPLACED CITY THE INVULNERABLE VESSEL PASSES ON TO ANOTHER SECTION OF THE JIGSAW WEAPON WORLD, WHERE IT LOWERS ONTO AN ISLAND SET IN A MIGHTY SEA...
THESE PEOPLE ARE SAVAGES! THERE SHOULD BE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THEM!

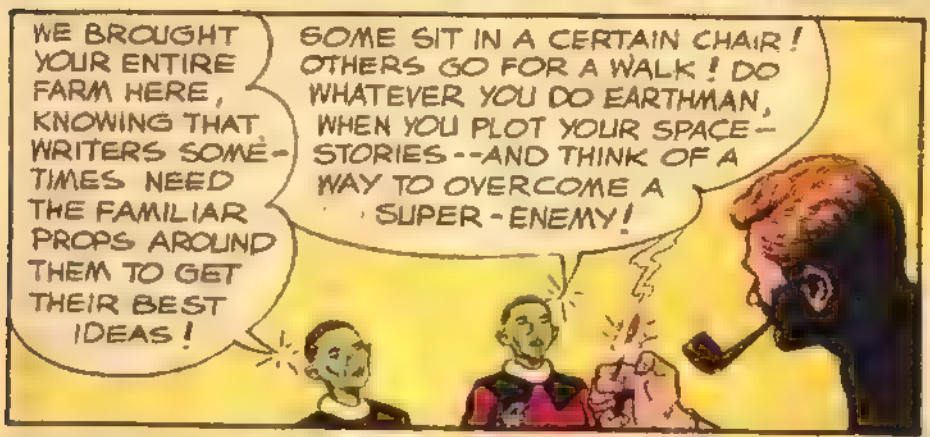

ONCE AGAIN A MENTALIMETER IS SET UP AS THE KLENDARS ADDRESS THE PRIMITIVE NATIVES...
OBEY OUR ORDERS AND NO HARM SHALL COME TO YOU!

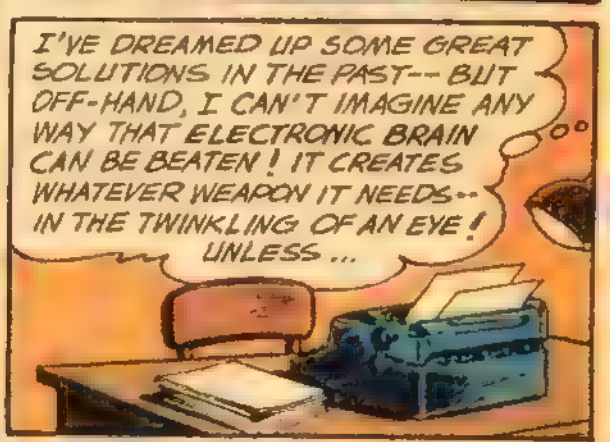

ABRUPTLY THE NATIVES WHIRL AND FLEE IN TERROR, EMITTING SUCH SHRILL CRIES THAT...
OH! THOSE AWFUL SCREAMS--RIPPING RIGHT THROUGH OUR BODIES!

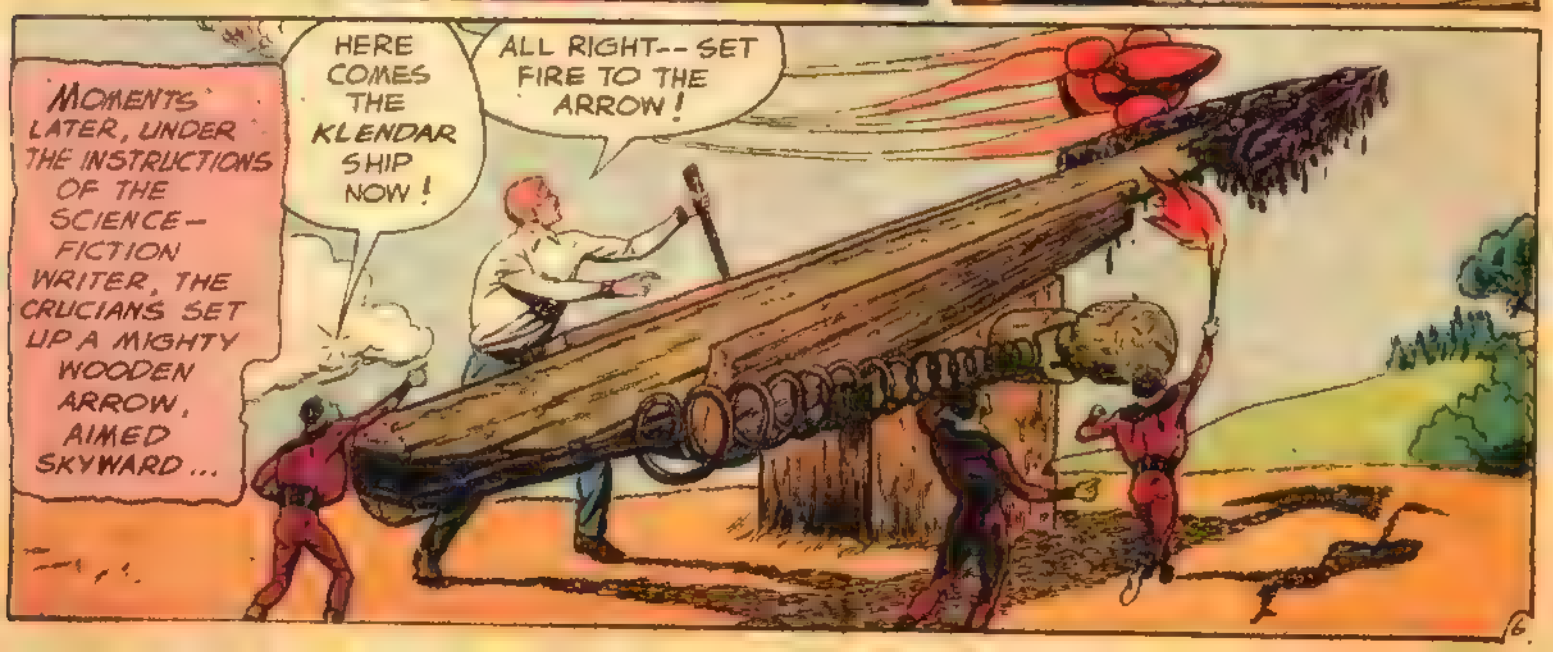

SCARCELY BREATHING, THE LITTLE GREEN CRUCIANS WATCH AS...
THIS TIME WE'VE GOT THEM!
THOSE SHRILL CRIES SEND OUT DEADLY SOUND-WAVES! IN A FEW MOMENTS, THEY'LL DESTROY THE INVADERS!


BUT EVEN AS THEY WATCH, THE SPACESHIP REACTS TO THOSE HIGH-PITCHED CRIES AND NEUTRALIZES THEM...

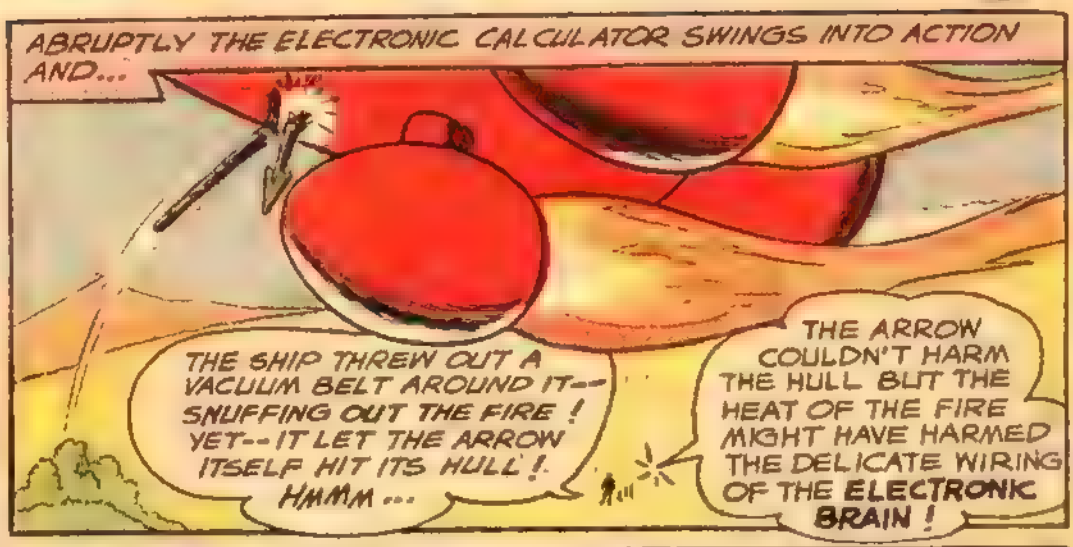

HOPELESS, FILLED WITH DESPAIR, THE GREEN MEN TURN FROM THE TELEVISION SET...
OUR JIGSAW WEAPON WORLD HAS FAILED TO STOP THEM!
NOW THEY'LL BE COMING FOR YOU, EARTHMAN! CAN YOU THINK OF A WAY TO OVER-COME THEM?

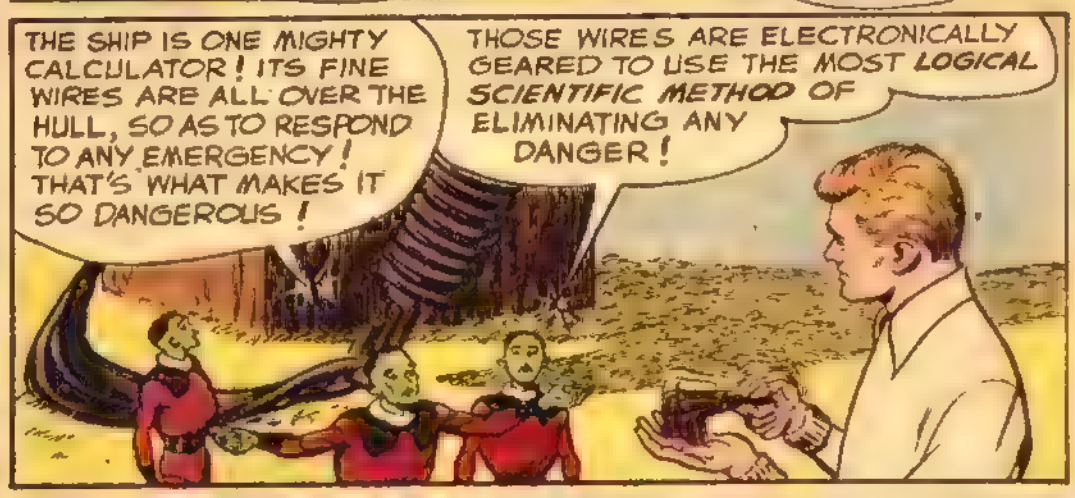

WE BROUGHT YOUR ENTIRE FARM HERE, KNOWING THAT WRITERS SOME-TIMES NEED THE FAMILIAR PROPS AROUND THEM TO GET THEIR BEST IDEAS!
SOME SIT IN A CERTAIN CHAIR! OTHERS GO FOR A WALK! DO WHATEVER YOU DO EARTHMAN, WHEN YOU PLOT YOUR SPACE-STORIES--AND THINK OF A WAY TO OVERCOME A SUPER-ENEMY!

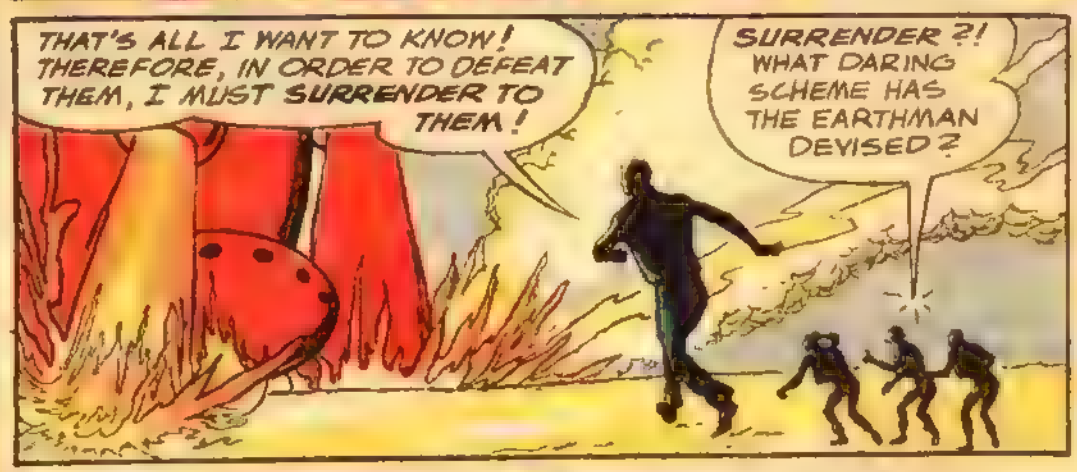

I'VE DREAMED UP SOME GREAT SOLUTIONS IN THE PAST-- BUT OFF-HAND, I CAN'T IMAGINE ANY WAY THAT ELECTRONIC BRAIN CAN BE BEATEN! IT CREATES WHATEVER WEAPON IT NEEDS-- IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE! UNLESS...


MOMENTS LATER, UNDER THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SCIENCE-FICTION WRITER, THE CRUCIANS SET UP A MIGHTY WOODEN ARROW, AIMED SKYWARD...
HERE COMES THE KLENDAR SHIP NOW!
ALL RIGHT-- SET FIRE TO THE ARROW!

SKYWARD SOARS THE MIGHTY FLAMING ARROW, STRAIGHT FOR THE ON-COMING STARSHIP...
YOU PUZZLE US, EARTHMAN! HOW CAN A FIRE ARROW POSSIBLY HARM THE INVINCIBLE SPACESHIP?
I HAVE AN IDEA! BUT I WANT TO CHECK UP ON SOMETHING FIRST!

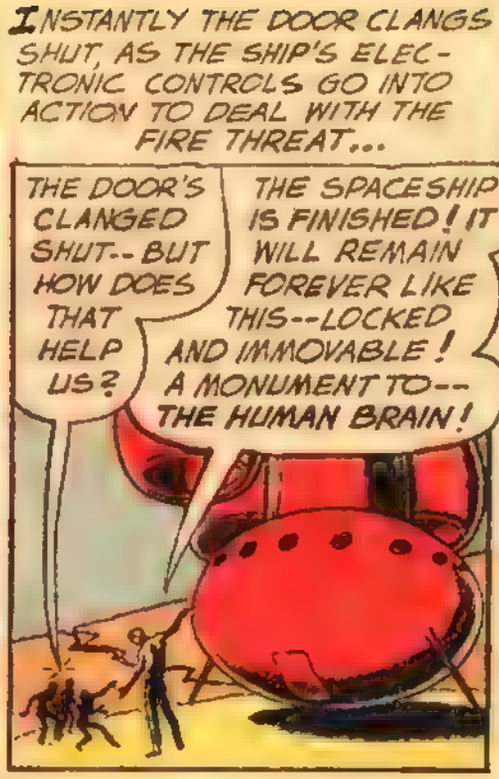

ABRUPTLY THE ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR SWINGS INTO ACTION AND...
THE SHIP THREW OUT A VACUUM BELT AROUND IT-- SNUFFING OUT THE FIRE! YET-- IT LET THE ARROW ITSELF HIT ITS HULL! HMMM...
THE ARROW COULDN'T HARM THE HULL BUT THE HEAT OF THE FIRE MIGHT HAVE HARMED THE DELICATE WIRING OF THE ELECTRONIC BRAIN!

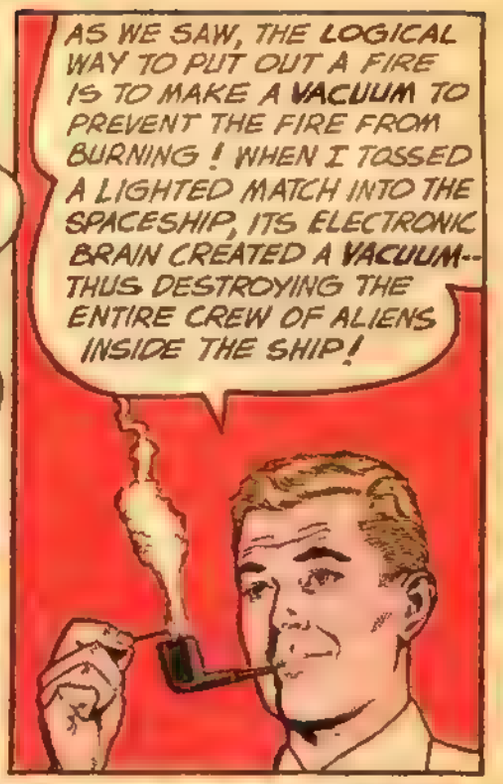

THE SHIP IS ONE MIGHTY CALCULATOR! ITS FINE WIRES ARE ALL OVER THE HULL, SO AS TO RESPOND TO ANY EMERGENCY! THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO DANGEROUS!
THOSE WIRES ARE ELECTRONICALLY GEARED TO USE THE MOST LOGICAL SCIENTIFIC METHOD OF ELIMINATING ANY DANGER!

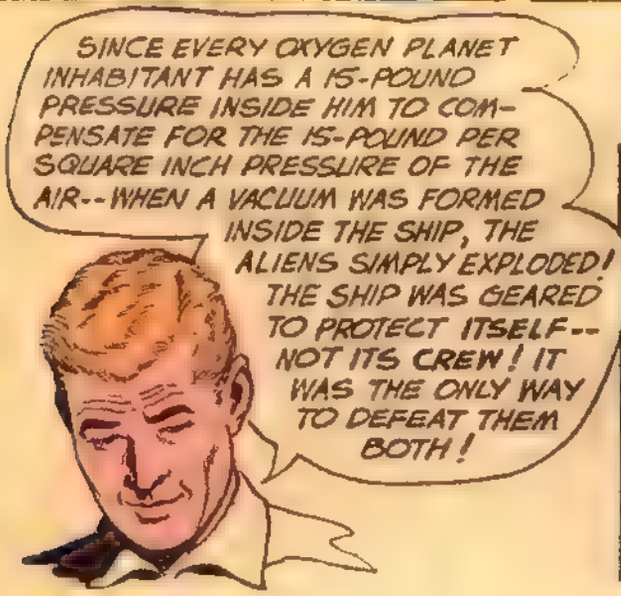

THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW! THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO DEFEAT THEM, I MUST SURRENDER TO THEM!
SURRENDER?! WHAT DARING SCHEME HAS THE EARTHMAN DEVISED?

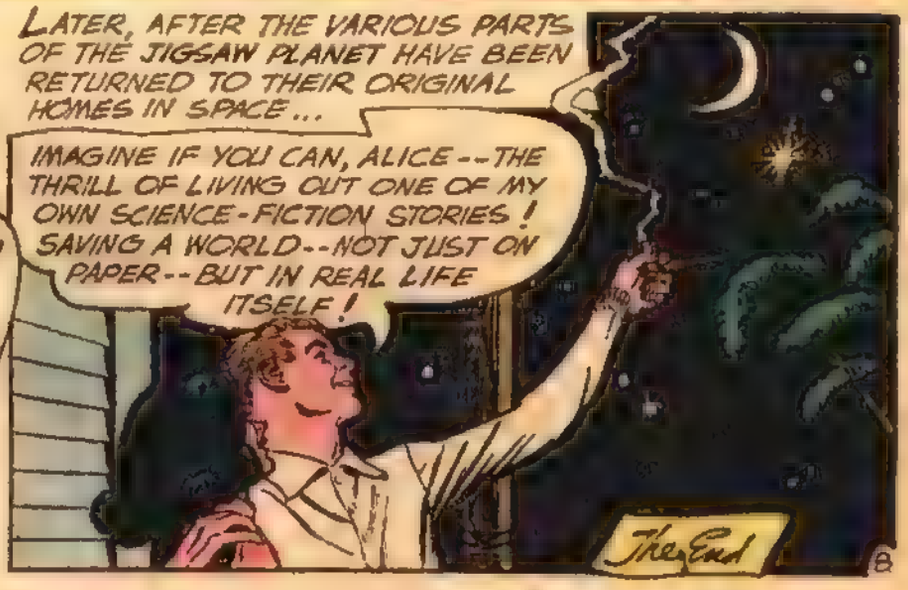
EDGAR RAY MERRITT SPEAKS TELEPATHICALLY WITH THE KLENDARS AS THEY LAND...
ON MY WORLD WHEN A MAN SURRENDERS, HE SIGNS A DOCUMENT!
AS YOUR CONQUERORS, YOU SHALL SIGN INSIDE OUR SHIP!

THE SURRENDER DOCUMENT SIGNED, THE SCIENCE-FICTION WRITER LEAVES THE INVINCIBLE SPACESHIP...
WHAT PLAN DOES EDGAR RAY MERRITT HAVE IN MIND? CAN YOU DEDUCE WHAT SCHEME HE INTENDS TO USE AGAINST THE SPACESHIP?









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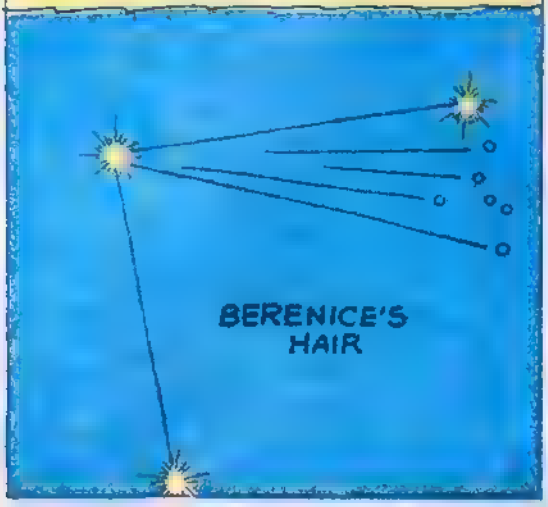

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SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

Dear Science Editor: I recently read an article which said that the earth and the solar system planets receive less than 1/200 millionth of the energy emitted by the sun. What the article didn't say—and what I'm curious about—is what happens to the rest of this surplus solar energy?

K. G., Santa Barbara, Cal.

Dear K. G.: Science has not as yet come up with a definite answer to this question. However, we might mention one theory which suggests this surplus solar energy goes beyond the borders of our Milky Way Galaxy where it apparently speeds across the intergalactic spaces for hundreds of millions of years. Eventually the solar energy finds a resting place where it is reassembled and made ready for use again.

Science Editor

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Dear Science Editor: When the first spaceman lands on the moon and looks "up" at Mother Earth, how much brighter will our planet appear to him?

L. P., Durham, N. C.

Dear L. P.: "Earthlight"—the light reflected from the earth to the moon—would be a maximum of 78 times as great as "moonlight." The greater earthlight is due to two factors. First, the reflecting surface of the earth, when full, is 13.4 times greater than the moon's, because surfaces vary as the squares of their diameters. Secondly, earthlight is greater because the earth's atmosphere and clouds (nonexistent on the moon) afford a better reflection than the moon's barren rocky surface. Thus, instead of reflecting 0.77 of the light falling upon it (called the *albedo*) as the moon does, the earth has an albedo of 0.39, meaning it reflects about 6 times as much light as the moon. Accordingly, the *full earth's* greater surface and reflecting power give 78 times as much light to the moon as the *full moon* imparts to the earth.

Science Editor

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Dear Science Editor: I'm confused about the differences in meaning between *mass* and *weight*. Will you please clear up this puzzler for me?

S. E., Bayside, N. Y.

Dear S. E.: Mass is defined as the amount of matter in a body regardless of its size or volume. Though its meaning in the ordinary use is practically the same as that of weight, it is not the same because weight is defined as the force with which the earth attracts a body—which depends upon the distance between the body and the center of the earth. Thus, if the *position* of a body with respect to the center of the earth is changed, the object's weight is changed. For example, a body on the top of a mountain weighs *less* than it does in a valley because it is that much farther from the center of the earth. Therefore, it is clear that the weight of a body is not a definite thing unless the place at which it is weighed is specified. In other words, a body's mass is a *constant* quantity, whereas its weight is a *variable* quantity varying with its locality.

Because at any given place on the earth's surface the weights of bodies are proportional to their masses, and because bodies having equal masses will, at the same place, have equal weights, the simplest and most common method for determining the mass of a body is by weighing it.

Mass is also distinguished from bulk or volume inasmuch as the *size* of a body may be very misleading as to mass. As an example, a sack of sand has a much greater mass than an identically-sized sack of sawdust.

Science Editor

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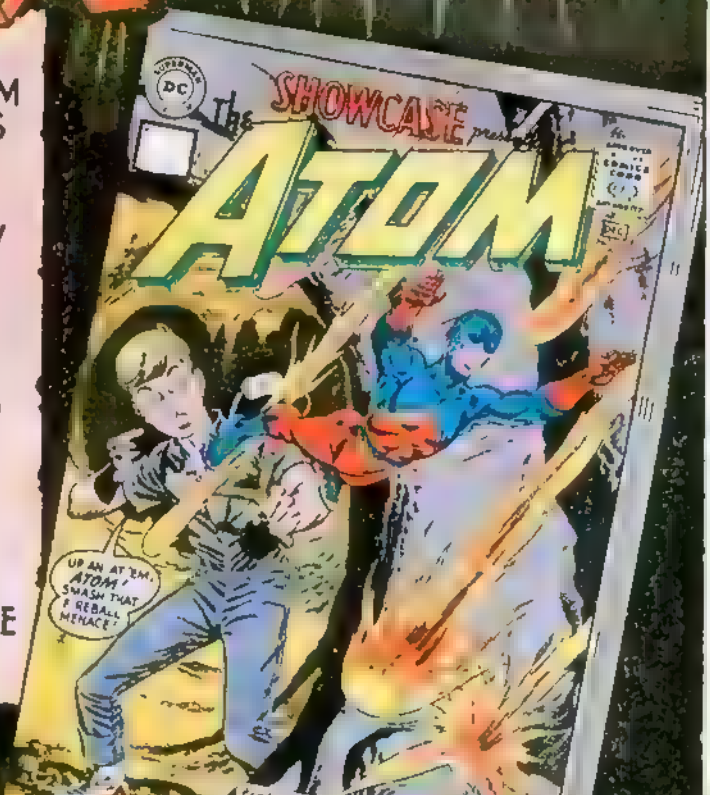

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NOW GO ON WITH THIS INSTALLMENT OF THE STORY WHICH WE CALL...

WAR IN WASHINGTON!

ACROSS THE RUINED AND ALMOST DEPOPULATED EARTH OF 1990 A.D., AN URGENT RADIO MESSAGE SPEEDS TOWARD DURVALE, ONE OF THE LAST CENTERS OF HUMAN HABITATION...
...WAYNE HOBARD SPEAKING!... MY BROTHER HOLLIS AND I ARE UNDER ATTACK!...NEED HELP...!
IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ATOMIC KNIGHTS IN DURVALE...
...COME AT ONCE! WE-- :CLICK!:
WE'VE LOST CONTACT! I WONDER WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE WAYNE AND HOLLIS HAVE RUN INTO?
I BET IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH OUR MYSTERIOUS ENEMIES WHO ATTACKED US LAST "THANKSGIVING DAY"!
BUT WHERE ARE THE HOBARD BROTHERS, BRYNDON? WHERE DID THAT MESSAGE COME FROM?
THERE'S NO WAY OF TELLING!
AS THE LEADER OF THE ATOMIC KNIGHTS AND THE BAND'S LONE SCIENTIST MEMBER STARE AT EACH OTHER IN DISMAY...
GARDNER, WE JUST CAN'T STAY HERE WHILE WAYNE AND HOLLIS MAY BE IN DANGER OF THEIR LIVES! WE'VE GOT TO GO OUT AND HUNT FOR THEM!
I'M JUST AS ANXIOUS TO HELP THEM AS YOU ARE, BRYNDON...
BUT PLUNGING OFF IN AN AIMLESS SEARCH AT THIS MOMENT IS HARDLY THE BEST WAY! I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA! COME WITH ME--
I'VE BEEN SPENDING TIME WITH OUR "THANKSGIVING DAY" PRISONERS! AND ONE OF THEM HAS BEGUN TO SHOW A MORE FRIENDLY ATTITUDE! IF WE CAN GET HIM TO TALK, IT MAY BE THE QUICKEST WAY TO LEARN WHERE THE HOBARD BOYS ARE RIGHT NOW!
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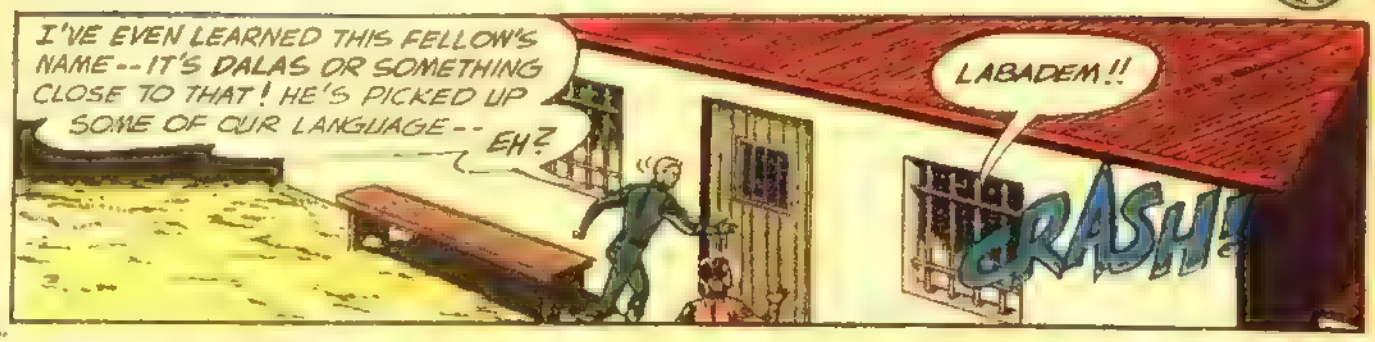
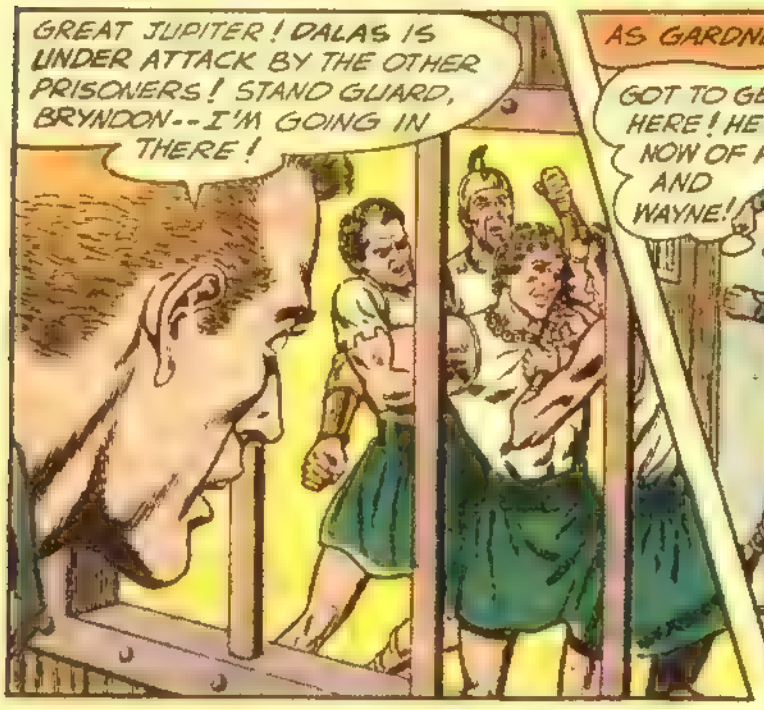
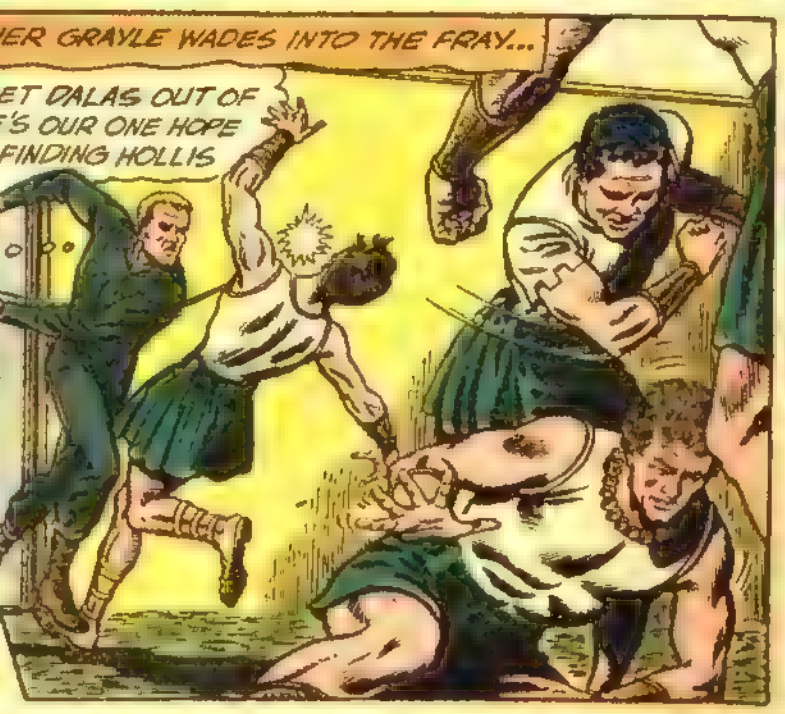
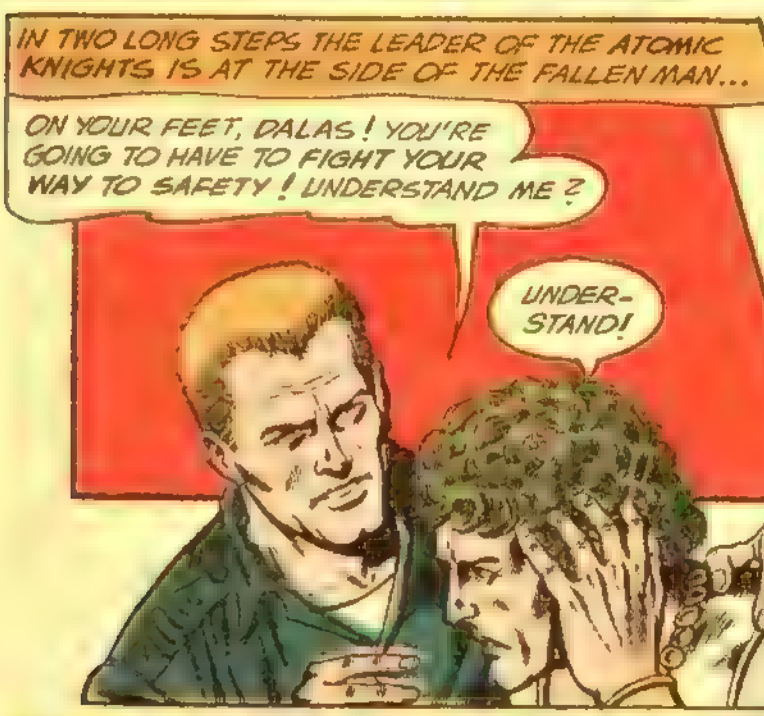
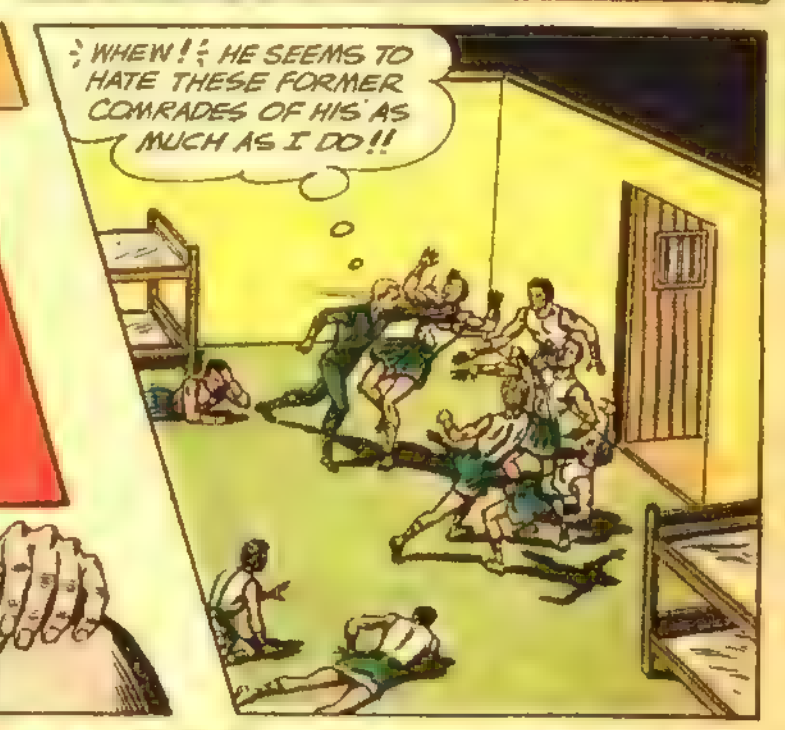
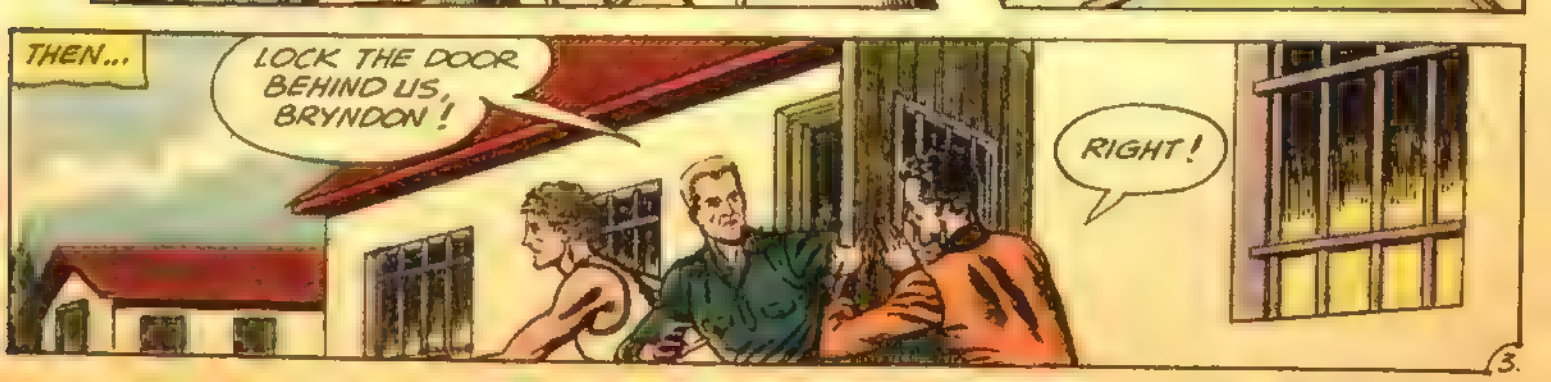

AT THE BUILDING WHICH THE KNIGHTS HAVE TURNED INTO A JAIL FOR THEIR CAPTIVES...
I'VE EVEN LEARNED THIS FELLOW'S NAME--IT'S DALAS OR SOMETHING CLOSE TO THAT! HE'S PICKED UP SOME OF OUR LANGUAGE--
EH?
LABADEM!!
CRASH!


GREAT JUPITER! DALAS IS UNDER ATTACK BY THE OTHER PRISONERS! STAND GUARD, BRYNDON--I'M GOING IN THERE!


AS GARDNER GRAYLE WADES INTO THE FRAY...
GOT TO GET DALAS OUT OF HERE! HE'S OUR ONE HOPE NOW OF FINDING HOLLIS AND WAYNE!


IN TWO LONG STEPS THE LEADER OF THE ATOMIC KNIGHTS IS AT THE SIDE OF THE FALLEN MAN...
ON YOUR FEET, DALAS! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT YOUR WAY TO SAFETY! UNDERSTAND ME?
UNDER-STAND!


WHEW! HE SEEMS TO HATE THESE FORMER COMRADES OF HIS AS MUCH AS I DO!!

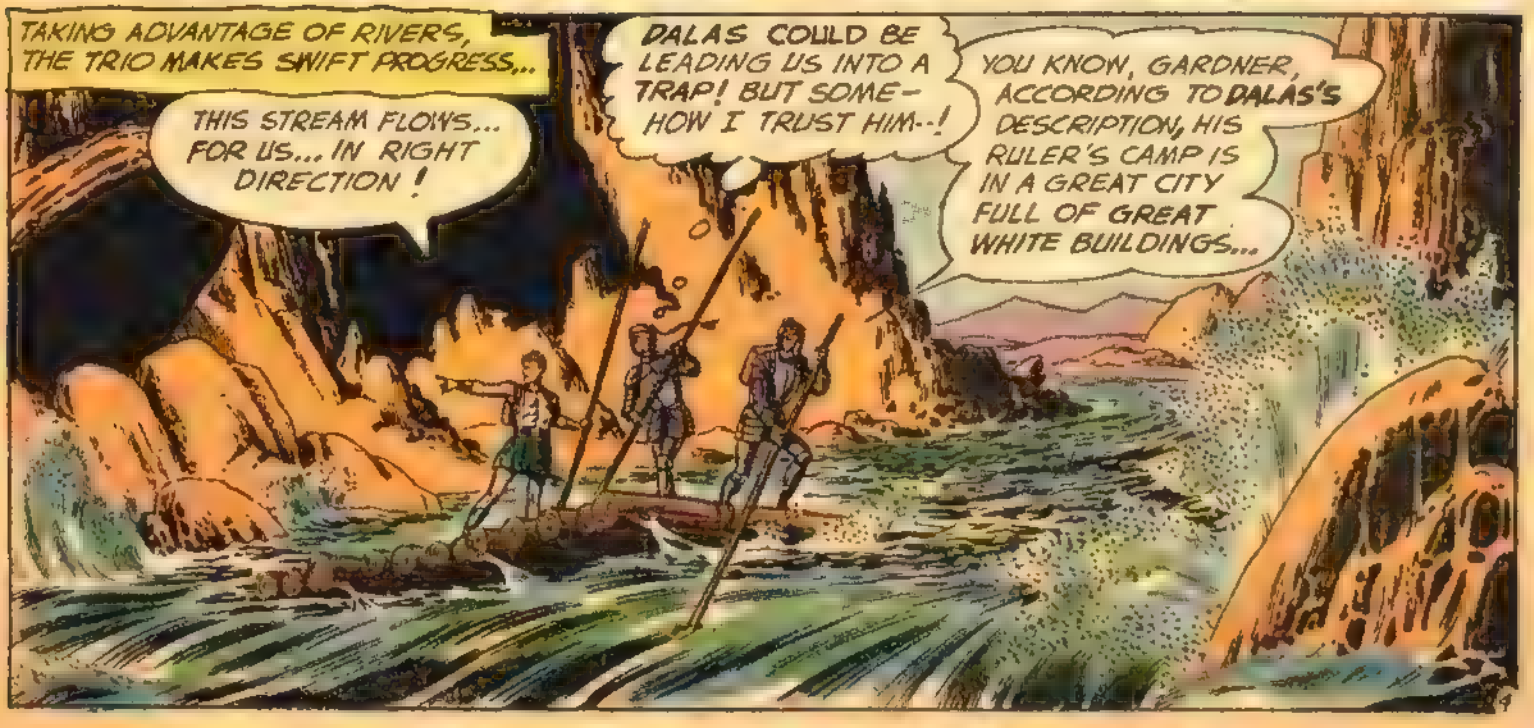

THEN...
LOCK THE DOOR BEHIND US, BRYNDON!
RIGHT!

YOU HAVE... THE LIFE OF DALAS... SAVED! OTHERS ATTACKED DALAS BECAUSE DALAS SAID KHAGAN... OUR RULER WHO SENT US HERE... IS EVIL!
YOUR RULER--!?

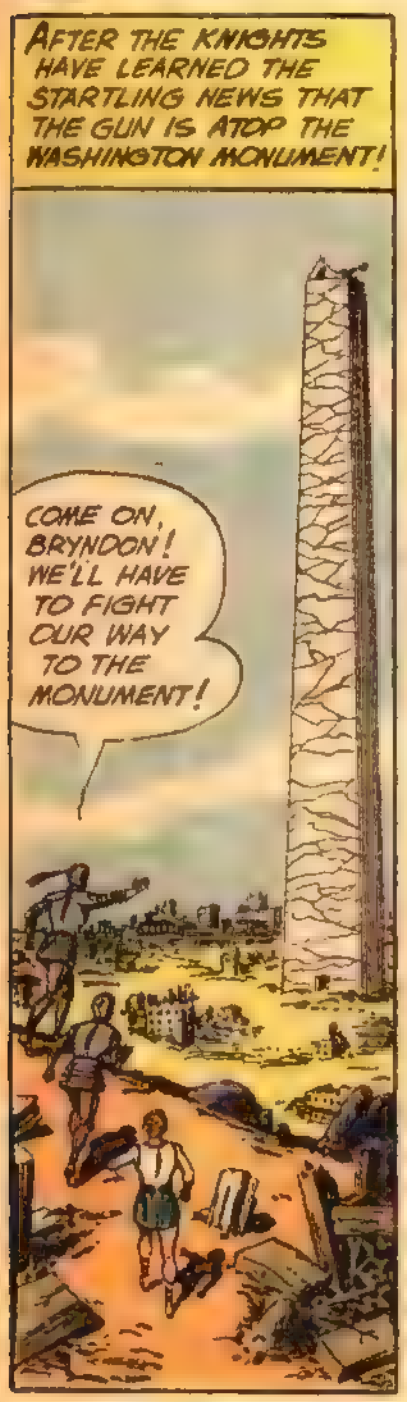
DALAS, CAN YOU TELL US WHERE YOUR RULER IS? CAN YOU TAKE US TO HIM...
YES... WILL TAKE YOU, GARDNER GRAYLE! BECAUSE YOU... AND OTHER PEOPLE HERE... ARE GOOD!

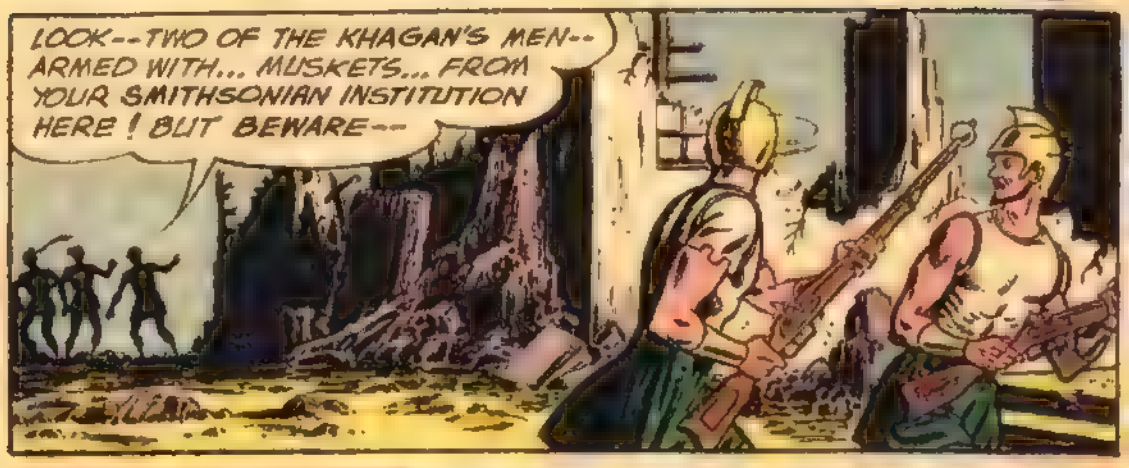
AS PRISONER... DALAS HAD MUCH... TIME... TO THINK...! OUR RULER WANTS... ONLY... TO DESTROY! NOT GOOD...!
OKAY! WE'LL GET STARTED-- AS SOON AS I TELL MARENE ABOUT THIS...

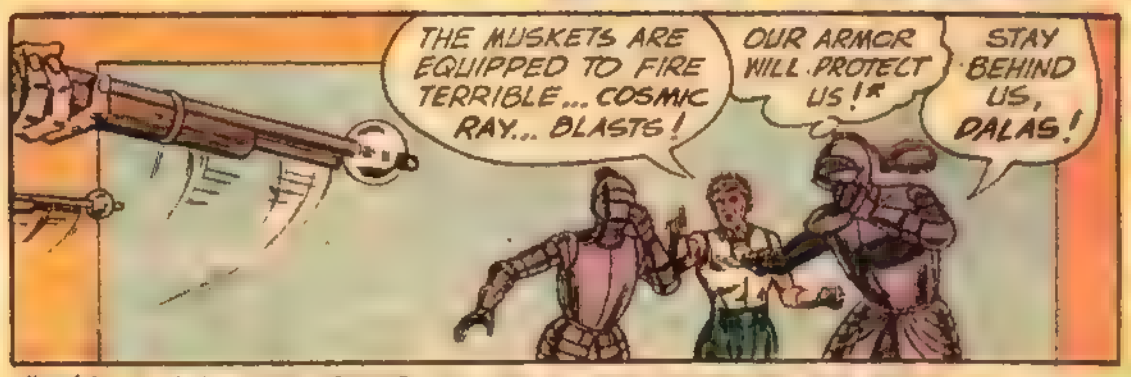
AND SOON, A TINY RESCUE MISSION STARTS OUT FROM DURVALE AT A FORCED MARCH...
MARENE WANTED TO COME WITH US, BUT SHE KNOWS SHE HAS TO TAKE CARE OF HER BROTHER DOUGLAS!* AND BESIDES SOMEONE HAS TO BE IN CHARGE HERE AT DURVALE WHILE WE'RE GONE!
*Editor's Note! IN THE SKIRMISH ON "THANKSGIVING DAY," DOUGLAS HERALD WAS SERIOUSLY BUT NOT FATALLY WOUNDED!


TAKING ADVANTAGE OF RIVERS, THE TRIO MAKES SWIFT PROGRESS...
THIS STREAM FLOWS... FOR US... IN RIGHT DIRECTION!
DALAS COULD BE LEADING US INTO A TRAP! BUT SOMEHOW I TRUST HIM--!
YOU KNOW, GARDNER, ACCORDING TO DALAS'S DESCRIPTION, HIS RULER'S CAMP IS IN A GREAT CITY FULL OF GREAT WHITE BUILDINGS...

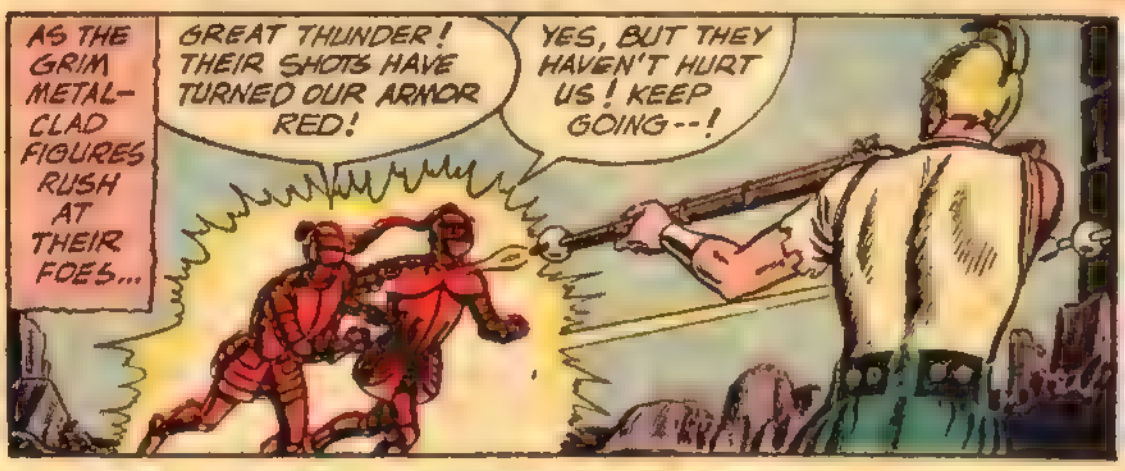
*Editor's Note: THE DEADLY ULTRAVIOLET RAYS FROM THE SUN WOULD LITERALLY SUNBURN ALL LIVING THINGS ON EARTH TO DEATH, IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE FILTERING ACTION OF THE OZONE LAYER, 15 MILES ABOVE THE EARTH!

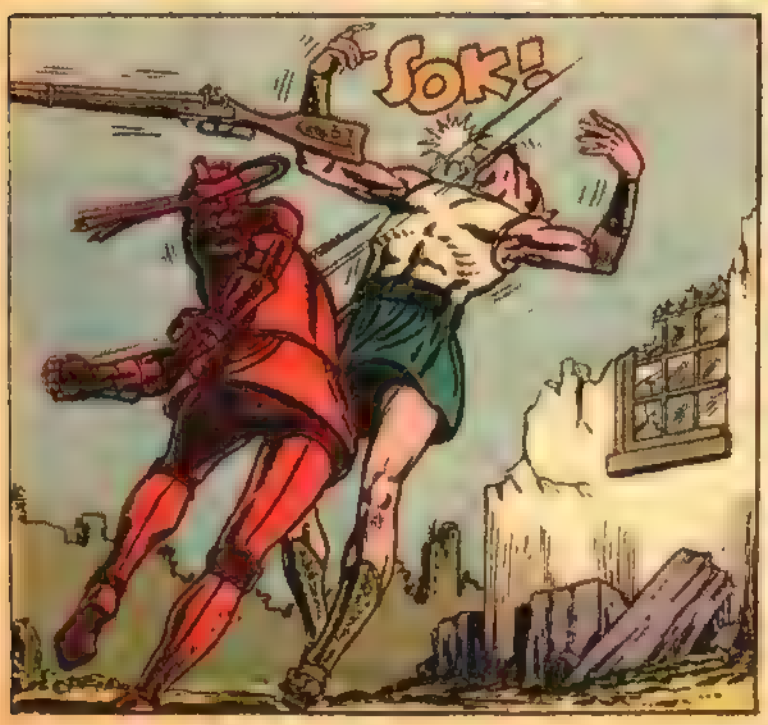


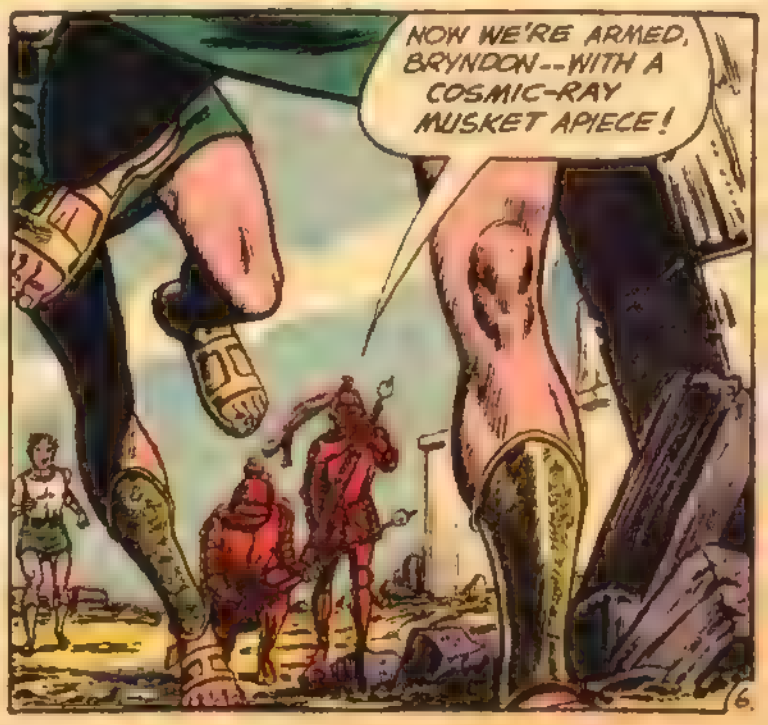


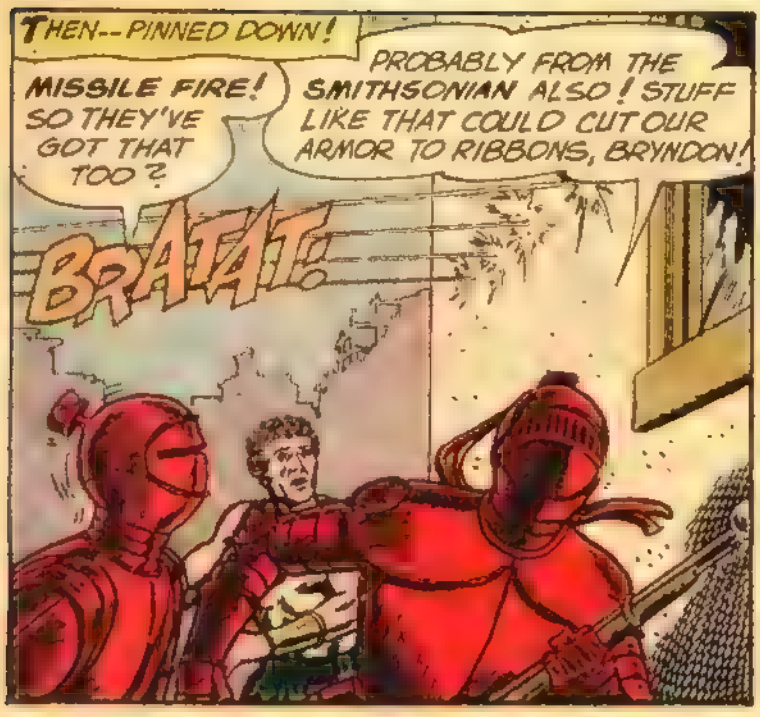


*Editor's Note: THE ARMOR OF THE **ATOMIC KNIGHTS RESISTS ALL RADIATION** DUE TO A PECULIAR MOLECULAR STRUCTURE FORMED IN THE CENTURIES SINCE IT WAS MADE!

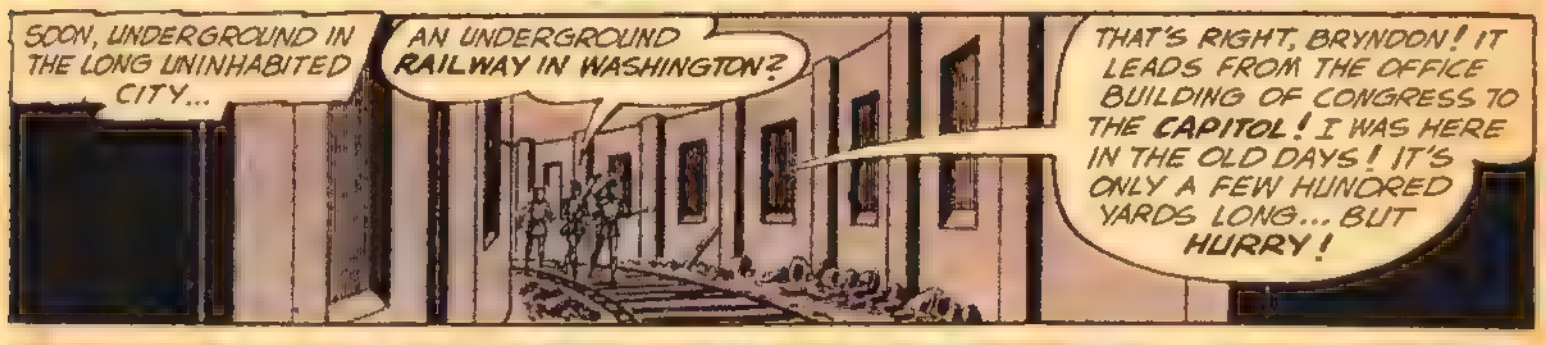


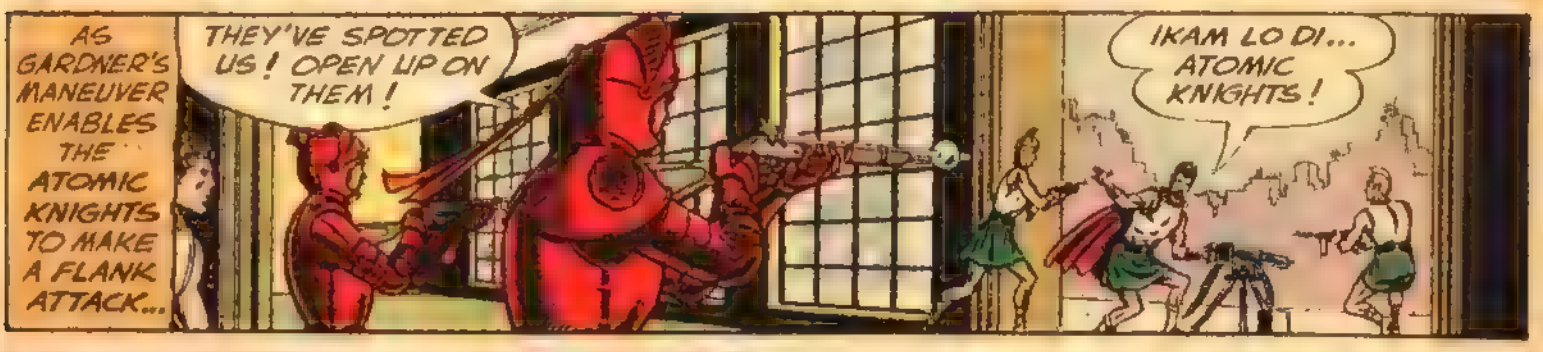


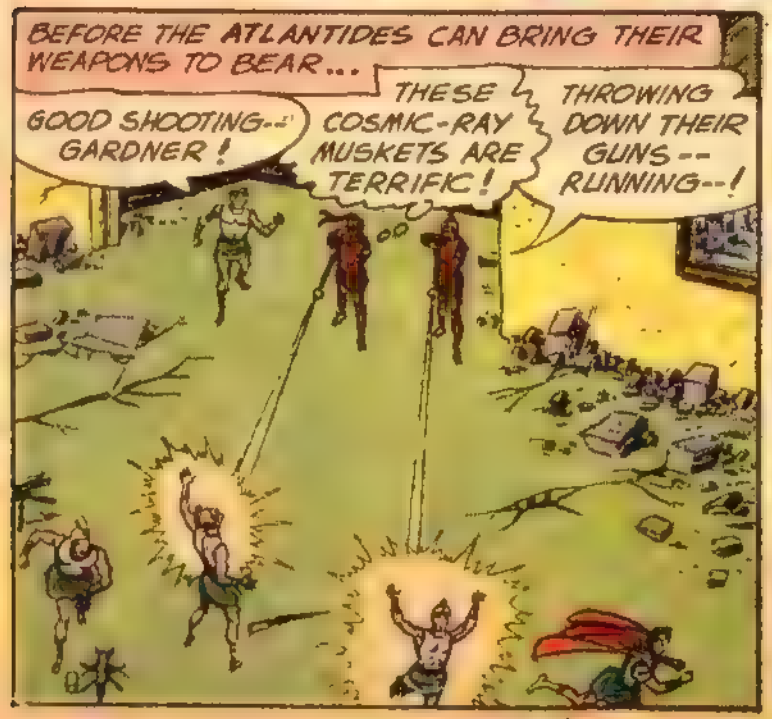


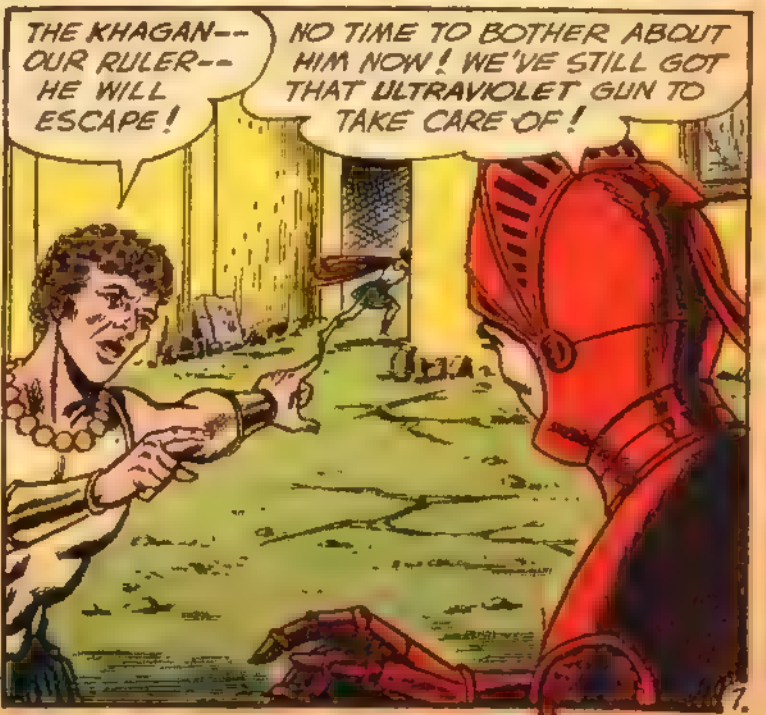

THEN--PINNED DOWN!
MISSILE FIRE! SO THEY'VE GOT THAT TOO?
PROBABLY FROM THE SMITHSONIAN ALSO! STUFF LIKE THAT COULD CUT OUR ARMOR TO RIBBONS, BRYNDON!
BRATAT!

THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US FROM THE CAPITOL!! BUT WE CAN'T LET THEM STOP US! EVERY SECOND IS PRECIOUS NOW! AND--I JUST THOUGHT OF A SECRET WAY TO REACH THEM! FOLLOW ME, YOU TWO!


SOON, UNDERGROUND IN THE LONG UNINHABITED CITY...
AN UNDERGROUND RAILWAY IN WASHINGTON?
THAT'S RIGHT, BRYNDON! IT LEADS FROM THE OFFICE BUILDING OF CONGRESS TO THE CAPITOL! I WAS HERE IN THE OLD DAYS! IT'S ONLY A FEW HUNDRED YARDS LONG... BUT HURRY!


AS GARDNER'S MANEUVER ENABLES THE ATOMIC KNIGHTS TO MAKE A FLANK ATTACK...
THEY'VE SPOTTED US! OPEN UP ON THEM!
IKAM LO DI... ATOMIC KNIGHTS!


BEFORE THE ATLANTIDES CAN BRING THEIR WEAPONS TO BEAR...
GOOD SHOOTING--GARDNER!
THESE COSMIC-RAY MUSKETS ARE TERRIFIC!
THROWING DOWN THEIR GUNS--RUNNING--!


THE KHAGAN--OUR RULER--HE WILL ESCAPE!
NO TIME TO BOTHER ABOUT HIM NOW! WE'VE STILL GOT THAT ULTRAVIOLET GUN TO TAKE CARE OF!

SHORTLY, AFTER DISCOVERING THAT THEIR FOES HAVE EFFECTIVELY BLOCKED OFF THE ENTRANCE TO THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT AFTER PLACING THEIR RAY-WEAPON ATOP IT!

SSS-SSS-SSS!

GOT TO CLIMB TO THE TOP, BRYNDON! BUT LUCKILY FOR US THE HITS WASHINGTON GOT DURING THE WAR CREATED CRACKS IN THIS SURFACE--GIVING US A CHANCE FOR FOOTHOLDS!

I CAN HEAR THE WEAPON ON TOP NOW, GARDNER! IT MUST BE IN OPERATION--

WITH TREMENDOUS EFFORT, THE INDOMITABLE PAIR GAINS THE RUINED SUMMIT! AND AT ONCE, GARDNER PICKS UP A HEAVY STONE FROM AMIDST THE RUINS...

IT'S NOT WORKING NOW!

IT WAS POINTED AT DURVALE SURE ENOUGH!

SPUT

SPUT!

BUT BRYNDON--DID WE STOP IT IN TIME? ARE THE PEOPLE IN DURVALE SAFE?

CAN'T TELL, GARDNER! ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION ACTS SLOWLY! IN SMALL AMOUNTS IT GIVES SUN-BURN...

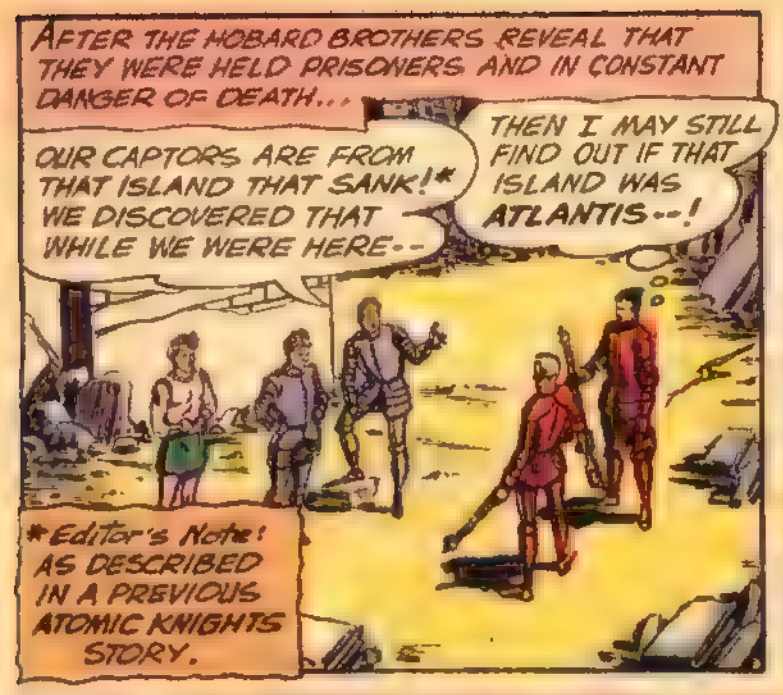
BUT TOO MUCH OF IT IS DEADLY! AND THE PEOPLE THERE WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE!

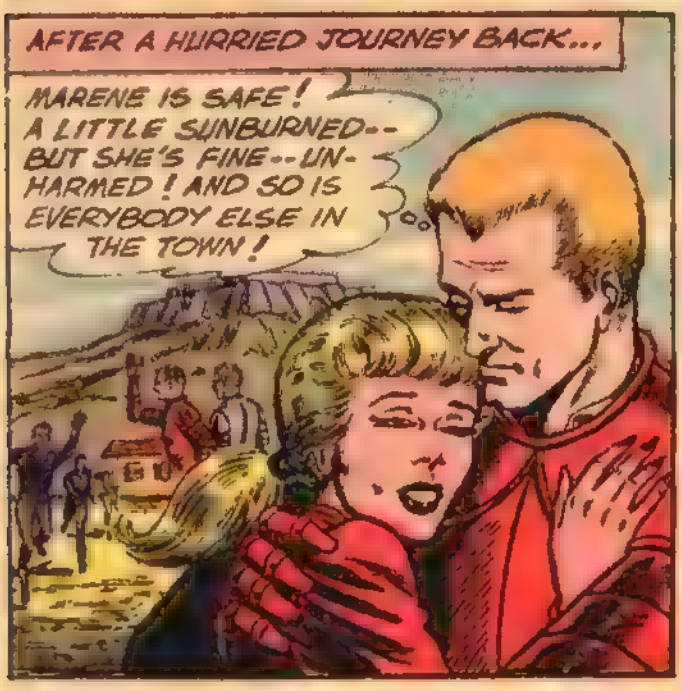
THEY'VE GOT TO BE ALL RIGHT! MARENE HAS TO BE ALL RIGHT!

WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE GROUND...

WAYNE AND HOLLIS!

DALAS FOUND US, GARDNER! HE'S TOLD US EVERYTHING--!





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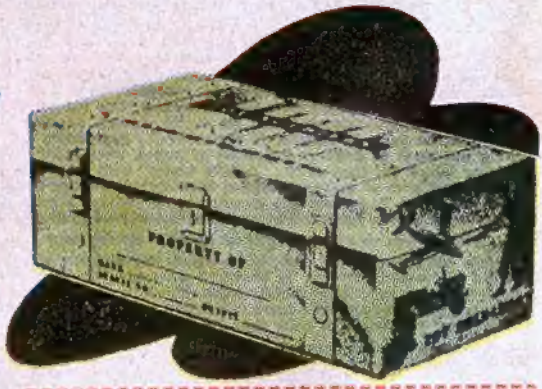

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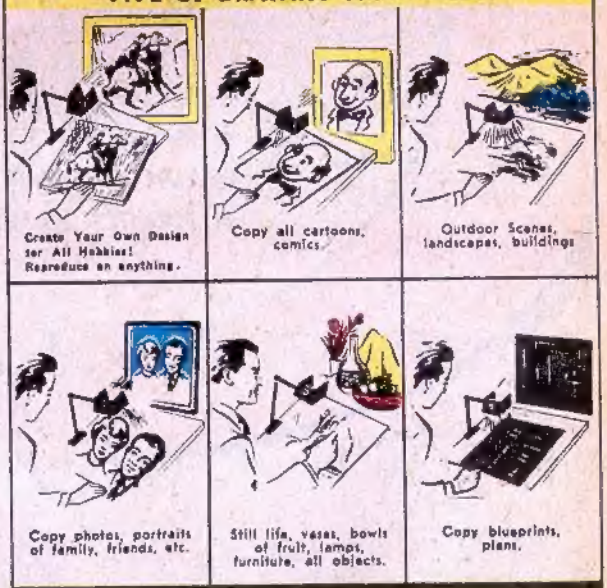

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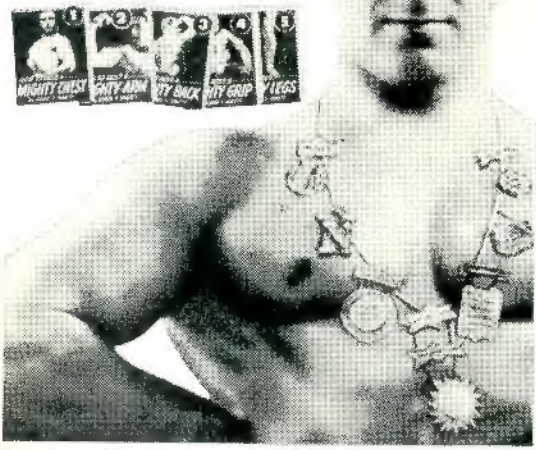

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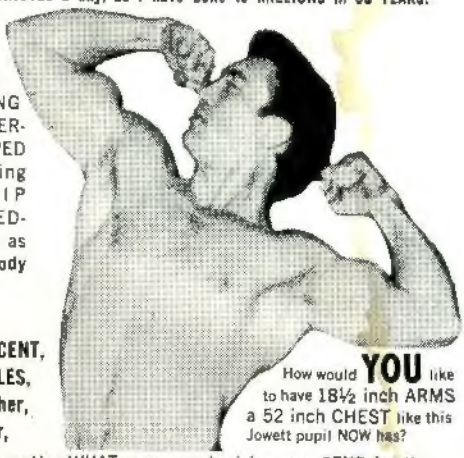

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